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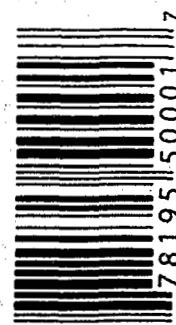


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She's walking for missing women

By **MARGARET SPEIRS**

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS are set to welcome a grandmother to Terrace from Prince Rupert on her walk to raise awareness about the Highway of Tears.

Florence Naziel, 56, of Moricetown, left from Friendship House in Prince Rupert March 11 to walk each day in honour of the women who are missing or have been found murdered along Hwy16. She expects to reach Terrace this Friday.

One of these women is Florence's cousin's daughter, Tamara Chipman, who was last seen hitchhiking from Prince Rupert to Terrace last September.

Florence's walk is the first of a continuing series along Hwy16 which will conclude in Prince George at the end of March at a symposium being held to dis-

cuss the missing and murdered women.

Florence's sister Betty Joseph, 57, Chipman's stepmother Christine, Gracie Holland, and Birgitte Bartlett joined her on the walk.

"It's quite a challenge and I'm looking forward to it," she said the day before her sojourn began. "Oh yes, I'm trying to push for 30 [kilometres] for sure."

They're walking from 8 a.m. until sundown each day.

Florence was equipped with her own hiking boots plus two pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of socks donated by the Moricetown band and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en in Smithers.

For the first three nights, at the end of each day, she travelled back to Prince Rupert once the sun set to stay overnight.

As she gets closer to Terrace, she'll be

spending her nights here before travelling back out on the highway to resume walking. She plans to arrive here this Friday by 3 p.m. at the latest.

Florence's daughter Priscilla, a legal support worker in Smithers, worked with the Kermode Friendship Society here to coordinate the walk.

Priscilla said women from a downtown east side shelter in Vancouver and Chipman's aunt, Gladys Radek, also of Vancouver, were expected to come up.

"It's turning out big," said Priscilla, adding Prince Rupert mayor Herb Pond and North Coast NDP MLA Gary Coons were present when her mother set off.

Florence decided to walk the highway after Chipman went missing.

"My daughter kept saying 'mom what can we do to help?'" she said.

Florence trained for her trek by walking constantly and working out three or four times each week.

She said her doctor told her she could complete the walk in five days.

"I said 'No, I don't plan to run or jog,'" she said.

Florence hopes the walk will raise awareness and honour the families of the missing women.

"Years down the road I hope we don't see any young people hitchhiking," Florence said.

People around the province and country are already joining the quest to raise awareness about missing women after hearing about Florence, said Priscilla.

A New Brunswick group of women is planning a walk called Tears Moncton to remember all the missing women there.

Last Monday, members of four First Nations took part in the Tsawout Health Centre march along the highway outside Victoria.

Florence said 18 volunteers will continue her walk from Terrace to Smithers, with an intended arrival date of March 22.

Matilda Wilson, mother of the missing Ramona Wilson from Smithers, will continue the walk from there to Prince George, accompanied by her family, the Gitksan Spirit walkers and several nurses from the Bulkley Valley Regional Hospital.

They will be joined again by Florence outside of Prince George for a two-hour walk into town for the opening ceremony of the Highway of Tears Symposium at CN Centre March 30 and 31.



DEBBIE SCARBOROUGH, far right, the driving force to open a youth emergency shelter here, stands outside the shelter location on Park Ave. with young people she says will be the facility's ambassadors. It's the former Ksan transition house. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Work begins on youth shelter

By **SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN**

DEBBIE SCARBOROUGH is going straight to the source in hopes of getting the money she needs to open the doors of Terrace's first youth emergency shelter.

Scarborough, a local consultant and the executive director of the newly formed Youth Emergency Services Society (YESS), meets tomorrow with Stan Hagen, minister of Children and Family Development, in hopes of securing the money she needs to get the shelter staffed and operational.

Scarborough needs \$661,000 per year to operate the seven-bed shelter and crisis centre. She wants the province to give the society at least half that and she'll lobby federal sources for the rest.

"My pitch is, 'Hey, you want to support this, you want to make history,'" Scarborough says.

"We've never had anything spent here for youth in regards to homelessness in the northwest - Terrace is the hub and you want to do this."

Scarborough is confident the society, which will provide counselling, crisis intervention and referral services in addition to operating the safe home, merits government funding.

That includes on-site suicide intervention training for all of the employees - a service not available to young people in Terrace right now.

Most suicide support services geared toward

teenagers are only available through out-of-town crisis lines or through online Web sites.

As a crisis centre, youth will be able to walk in off the street and access one-on-one counselling services.

"Honestly, who would say no to this?" she says. "Making kids safe - how anybody who has the ability to fund something like this and doesn't is beyond me."

Scarborough has come a long way in less than three months.

When the former Ksan Society's transition house moved to its new location last month, Scarborough knew the timing was right to try to secure the old building, already zoned for that type of use, and run it as a youth safe home.

Since then, she's incorporated YESS as a legal society along with a board of directors.

And a major hurdle was cleared last week when the society's purchase of the former transition house closed.

Thanks to a \$226,600 loan from an anonymous donor, YESS purchased the \$133,000 house outright from the Ksan House Society and has earmarked the remaining money to cover taxes, fees and renovations for the home.

Work on installing a sprinkler system begins this week and a large volunteer effort will drive much of the renovations and redecorating.

That includes enlarging some rooms, adding storage space, framing areas off and building new stairs - work that will be done by first year trades students at Northwest Community College.

"Some of the work, for example replacing stairs, moving a little interior wall and framing it, fits right into our curriculum," explains Dave O'Leary, dean of trades training for the college.

The work gives first year carpentry students hands-on, practical experience and also gives back to the community.

O'Leary says the program prioritizes potential projects by first seeing if the college has any small projects that need to be done, then they look to the non-profit sector followed by individuals in the community that may need assistance.

YESS will supply the materials, but the work will be provided free of charge.

"There's just no substitute when some of their first learning involves getting out into the community," O'Leary says. "It's a nice idea to plant into their heads before getting out into the work world."

First year students have done other community service projects such as helping the local Scouts upgrade their building, he said.

Scarborough also has a legion of teenaged volunteers committed to helping in any way they can.

Happy 45th!

THERE'S GOING to be speeches, entertainment and food next week to celebrate Mills Memorial Hospital's 45th anniversary and everybody is invited.

Set to speak March 21 will be former health care workers, current health care officials and politicians, says Rowena Holoien of the Northern Health Authority, which now runs the facility.

There'll be historical displays and a repeating slide show taking place in the main lobby area and in the space which will soon be taken up the hospital's new emergency room. The celebration begins at 1 p.m. and the official portion starts at 2 p.m.

For those attending, please use the Elks Hall lot on Tetrault for parking and enter through the hospital's main entrance. Holoien said escorts will be available for those coming to the hospital to use its services or for those who have appointments.

For more on Mills Memorial's 45th anniversary, please see Page A5.

No need to vote on 'Plex, says mayor

By **SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN**

MAYOR JACK TALSTRA says city council may not need to get public approval to borrow the more than \$5 million it needs to make the proposed second sheet of ice project go ahead.

Speaking last week, Talstra said the city may have enough money available to it in short-term borrowing - which does not require a referendum in order for council to proceed - available to it to get the project under way at its current estimated cost of \$10.54 million.

"When you go out to bid you more or less need to have the funding and the choice is, do you want to spend taxpayers' money to the degree that is necessary through the bid prices?" says Talstra.

Council has until tomorrow, March 16 to decide whether or not proceed based on bids received Feb. 16 by the city - the lowest of which came in at \$10.54 million from Wayne Watson Construction.

Because of an unpredictable marketplace in terms of construction costs, contractors are not willing to extend their offer for longer than the standard 30 days.

With that period ending tomorrow council must advise its architect the go-ahead and choose a contractor or shelve the plan again.

According to figures released by council in December 2005 it has \$4,552,679 million in donations and commitments toward the project.

That now leaves a shortfall of \$5,987,321 not including a \$1 million contingency fund the city has maintained it needs in case of additional expenses as construction progresses.

In December figures released by the city showed it had \$4.9 million available to it from what's called an Approval Free Zone with debt repayment over 20 years.

At that time it also had a short-term borrowing capacity, payable over five years, of \$605,000.

That meant the city could borrow up to \$5.505 million without going to referendum. That's still \$482,321 less than the minimum amount now needed to go ahead.

Talstra confirmed the city continues to pursue potential and existing corporate sponsors for more money

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Jack Talstra

Company fined for collapse of trestle which killed two

By MARGARET SPEIRS

A COMPANY and its owner have been found guilty in the deaths of two men when a CN Rail trestle collapsed during repairs here nearly a decade ago.

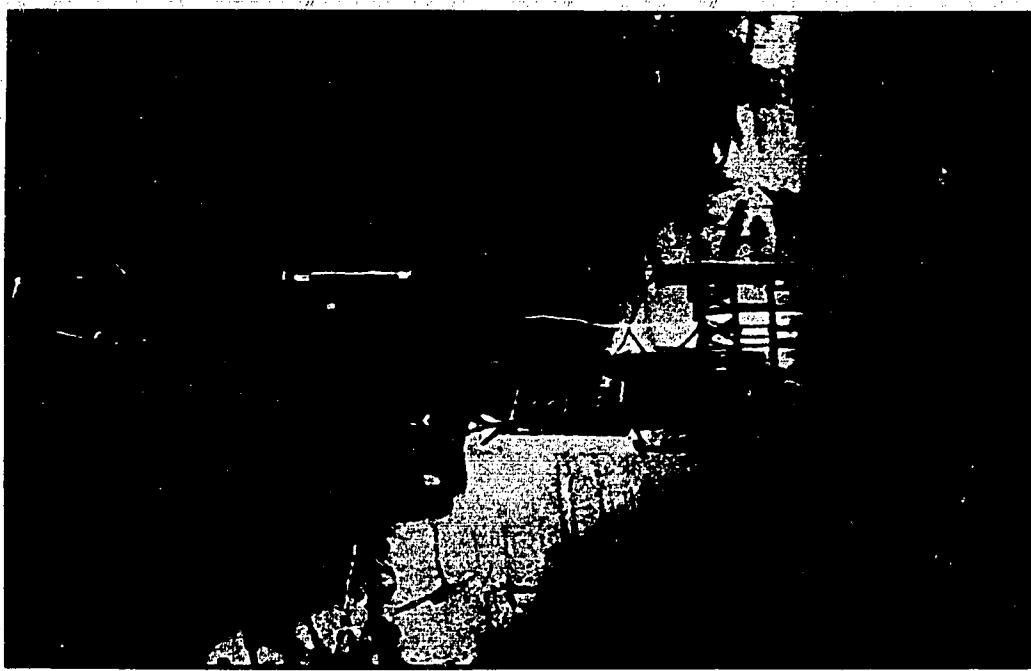
Scott Steel Ltd. was found guilty of failing to ensure that there were pertinent construction details, failing to ensure adequate direction and instruction for workers by a judge in Port Coquitlam provincial court March 8.

Owner Ron Scott was found guilty of failing to ensure that there were pertinent construction details.

On Oct. 27, 1997, while upgrading a trestle on the CN line south of Terrace, two men were killed and several others injured when it collapsed over the creek near a B.C. Hydro substation at the end of Matson Road off Queensway.

Rescue crews took more than two days to retrieve the body of 35-year-old William Hugh Carson, a Kamloops CN crane operator, from the wreckage.

John Marti of Telkwa died while being airlifted to hospital in Vancouver.



AERIAL SHOT shows the aftermath of the collapse of a CN Rail trestle south of Terrace in 1997. Two people were killed and a company has now been fined.

Scott Steel employee Stan Hickey of Newfoundland had to have his leg amputated and Adrian Costello of Edmonton spent time in hospital with a knee injury following the collapse.

Scott Steel was retained by CN Rail to reconstruct the bridge and replace its wood with steel.

Crews were working with a crane mounted on the train tracks over the creek when the collapse occurred.

CN Rail was convicted in 1999 under the Canada Labour Code and fined \$50,000.

Charges in this case came under the Workers' Compensation Act and Industrial Health and Safety Regulations.

Provincial Crown Counsel official Stan Lowe said, "We had laid charges we believed met the charge approval standard and the court agreed with the charge

assessment by finding them guilty."

He believed Crown counsel Ronald Cockx, who specializes in workers' compensation cases with the criminal appeals and special prosecutions group out of Vancouver, was examining all the information for his sentencing submission at the next court date.

Sentencing takes place April 4 in Port Coquitlam provincial court.

CRIME STOPPERS
635-TIPS

Four-day week kept intact by school board

By DUSTIN QUEZADA and SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

STUDENTS in the public school system will again be attending class four days a week in 2006-07 after trustees voted 6-3 in favour of Friday closures for a fourth straight year.

Rookie trustees Art Erasmus and Diane Collins of Terrace and Kitimat's Huey-lin Wu each voted against a March 7 motion to continue with the four-day week instead of reverting to either a standard five-day week or a variation of a five-day week.

Board chair Lorrie Gowen says trustees decided the cost of returning to a five-day week was simply too steep.

"Even those who voted for the five-day week understood that the cuts we would have to make were too much," Gowen said. "Trustees made a decision they felt had to be made at this time - we're not always going to agree."

The board may not have been unanimous in its decision but it was unified blaming the provincial government for the Coast Mountains school district's predicament, saying it has to cut costs because it doesn't get enough money to open schools for Monday to Friday openings.

At the meeting, Gowen blamed the provincial government for not recognizing that all school districts have different needs.

"We'll be here year after year after year because we're not getting enough funding for this district," Gowen said. "It's time they fund this system fairly."

Kitimat trustee Barry Pankhurst agreed. "Somehow we need to convince the government we need more money," he said. "I challenge the premier and I challenge (Education Minister) Shirley Bond to show up here," he said, adding they should see first hand why this district needs more money.

At the board's monthly meeting March 1, it agreed to establish two ad hoc committees that will each invite both Bond and Premier

Gordon Campbell to the district.

The committees, each comprising a principal, a teacher, a support staff worker, a parent, a trustee and an administrator, would make appeals to would-be government visitors on two points, said Gowen.

One would highlight the high incidence of special needs students here and inadequate funding to pay for their education, while the other would show the particular needs the district faces.

Those, said Gowen, include geographic location, transportation, heating and community diversity.

The board chair said the goal would be to show the government what kind of funding is necessary to run the school district like others running a standard five-day calendar.

The three MLAs within the district's boundaries - Robin Austin, Gary Coons and Dennis Mackay - will also be notified of the invitations to senior government.

Though a return to the five-day week is sought, Gowen did say educational statistics show students are not being adversely affected.

The Thornhill trustee indicated the district has not suffered in its delivery of education, pointing to rising Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) scores since the four-day week was implemented three years ago.

"The data does not show we are worse off in this district because of the four-day week," she said.

"Do any of the options we have available not affect the kids?" she asked, referring to cuts that would have to have been made in order to move back to the five-day week.

Those included reducing services for special needs students, laying off teaching staff and possible school closures.

Joining Gowen in support of the motion March 7 were Terrace trustee Hal Stedham, Kitimat trustees Barry Pankhurst and Ray Raj, Hazelton's Peter Weeber and Craig Caruso of Stewart.

From front

Vote to borrow money is not needed by city

That includes meetings with Alcan officials in Vancouver this week. Alcan has already agreed to donate \$450,000.

Talstra expects a special council meeting to be called by today to make a decision on how to proceed.

Closed council sessions have been going on regarding the sportsplex project since bids came in.

But councillors have remained tight-lipped about the options they're discussing. "We need to find some more funds," says councillor Brian Downie. "If we don't make up the gap then we have to look at where our options are."

He's optimistic that somehow the project will proceed. "I think it's something we've been working on long enough now it's become a strategic project for the community and we need



Brian Downie

to get on to other projects," said Downie.

Local businessman Bob Park was slated to speak to council March 13 to encourage it to do what it takes to build the second sheet of ice even if it means borrowing money at the expense of taxpayers.

"I talked to two of the councillors (last week) and

I told them if you went to a referendum on a second sheet of ice today you would never win because people want a sportsplex," he says.

If the second sheet of ice is indeed to be the first phase of more recreational facilities and a conference centre for Terrace, then Park said proceeding without a referendum may be the only solution to getting it done.

"Terrace has cut, cut, cut and now the time is to move forward," he says.

"Prince Rupert is expanding their shopping if that proposed shopping complex goes ahead, Kitimat is expanding their pool and they already have a rec centre, so where do we sit?"

Park says he'd even support the city borrowing up to \$20 million if it meant a full fledged recreation/conference centre could be built.

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A grave act of disrespect

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

VANDALS TARGETED the Pioneer Cemetery over the March 4-5 weekend, spray painting headstones and an information sign made up by the Terrace Regional Historical Society and the city.

Adding to the disrespectful crime was the nature of the silver graffiti messages, some racist in tone.

City staff were alerted of the vandalism on the Monday following the weekend and the director of leisure services was not impressed.

"I think anytime someone desecrates one of our cemeteries, it's a serious issue," said Ross Milnthorpe of the vandalism. "In particular this cemetery, in some regards it [represents] the people that came before us."

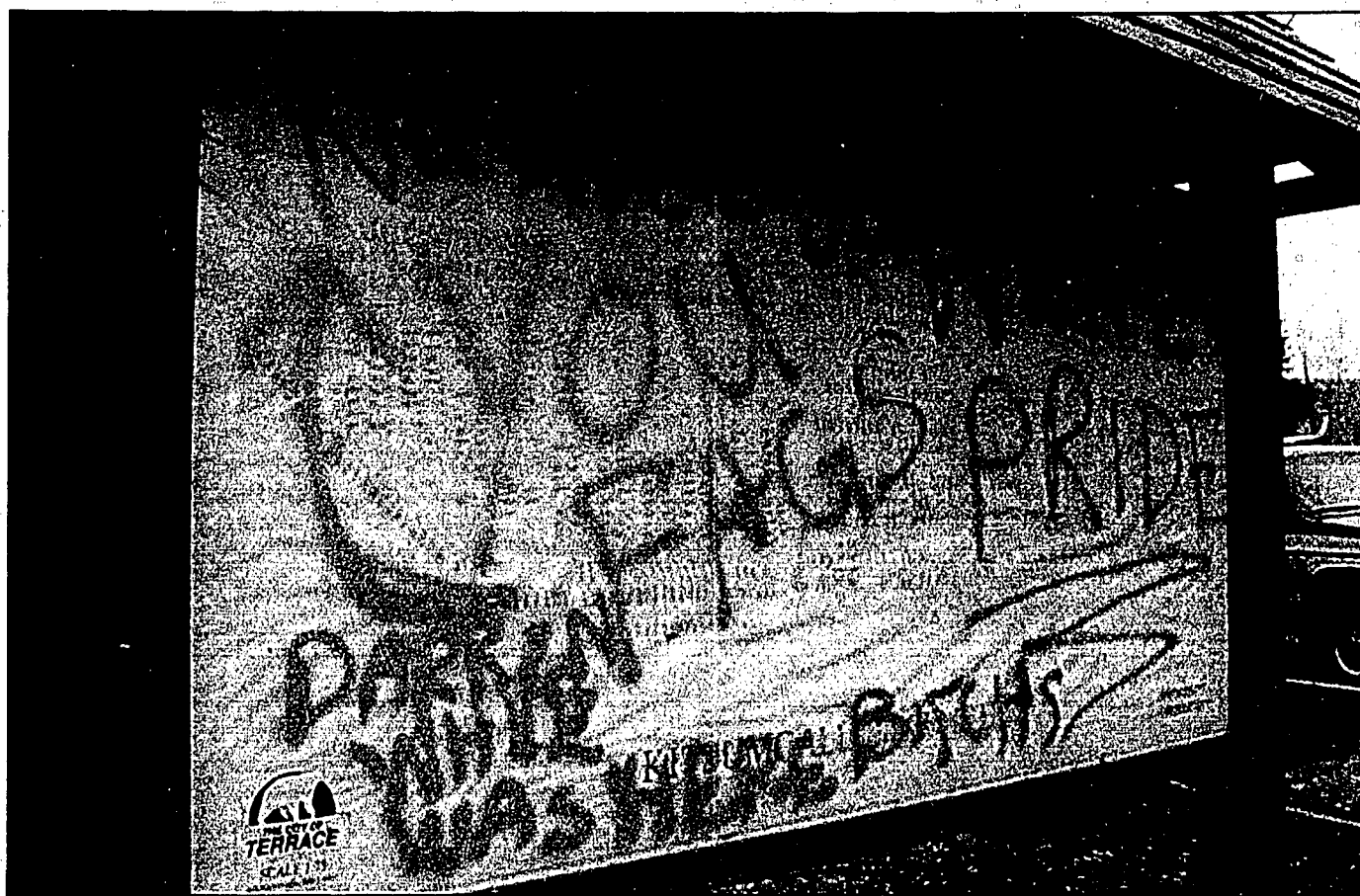
Milnthorpe added the racist nature of some of the graffiti should be especially shocking to the community.

Tim Taron, a city work foreman who cleared the spray paint with a chemical cleaner the day after it was reported to city officials, agrees with Milnthorpe.

"Probably all the residents would find this appalling," said Taron, who added he met three individuals at the cemetery when he was there that expressed heartbreak.

One of the three, who helped in cleaning up the cemetery last summer, was particularly disgusted said Taron.

Fortunately, says Taron, in his work he hasn't seen



BOTH sides of this informational sign at the Pioneer Cemetery were defaced by spray painting vandals two weekends ago. City staff had it cleaned up in less than three hours. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

a lot of racist-toned vandalism.

"It's not very common, it's definitely the exception," added Taron.

The vandalism was reported to the RCMP but police say it is very difficult to catch the culprits unless they are somehow caught in the act.

"Vandalism is one of the hardest things for us to get a hold of - particularly after the fact," said Staff Sergeant Eric Stubbs.

The Pioneer Cemetery is one of three municipal heri-

tage sites in Terrace under bylaw in the Local Government Act, a distinction given in 1996. The other two are Heritage Park Museum and the George Little House.

City planner David Block says vandalism is something he never likes to hear of but this case is especially bad.

"I feel bad, obviously it's disrespectful whether it's a heritage site or not," Block said.

Thankfully, added Block, a new heritage plaque similar to the one erected last year at the George Little House had

not been installed.

"It likely wouldn't have been targeted too," Block said.

The city and the historical society collaborated on the sign last year that features maps of cemetery plots and layouts on one side and historical information on the other.

Mamie Kerby, president of the local historical society, says she's distraught with the lack of respect given the cemetery.

"I'm quite disappointed," Kerby said. "People have to

pay more respect to cemeteries."

Kerby adds the vandals were probably young people and it's important they get the message that such actions are wrong.

"Respect for a graveyard should be taught at home," Kerby said.

"What people don't realize about cemeteries...it's like a history book."

In 2003, the society undertook a restoration of the cemetery, cleaning, planting flowers, making paths and fixing fallen headstones.

News In Brief

Road reviewed

THE TRANSPORTATION ministry is taking a second look at the stretch of Hwy37 where a Kitimat resident went off the road and into Williams Creek Feb. 12.

Ministry official Don Ramsay said there are concrete curbs along that stretch but they are on the corners and not on a straight portion of the highway which is where Marc Bouliane left the road. "I can tell you we are reviewing that," said Ramsay of the location.

Bouliane's car ended up being submerged in the creek and he got out by slowly winding down his window as the car filled with water.

Two passersby helped rescue the Kitimat resident from the chilly water.

Teachers win their case

THE SUPREME Court of Canada dismissed an application by the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) to appeal a B.C. Court of Appeal ruling that upheld teachers' rights to inform parents of their concerns about class size and composition and education cuts.

The ruling caps a legal battle between the B.C. Teachers' Federation and its employers stemming from the 2002 government imposed contract on teachers.

In reaction to cuts that left school boards facing funding shortfalls, teachers began distributing cards to parents that reported their children's class sizes before and after the government stripped firm limits and mounted posters with information on reductions in specialized teacher staffing.

After some school boards attempted to prohibit teachers from circulating the cards and posters, the teachers' union launched a provincial grievance.

The teachers' right to freedom of expression was upheld in provincial court and the B.C. Court of Appeal before the recent Supreme Court dismissal.

No need to fear

TERRACE RCMP say the public shouldn't be concerned about a dangerous person targeting women in light of an incident involving a young woman last month.

A woman with various injuries was found near the Kalum St. Shell station unconscious and on the ground in the chilly early morning hours of Feb. 24.

Police say the young woman was brought to hospital and treated but they have been unable to obtain much information from her about what happened.

Police don't believe it was a random attack and say women should not be afraid for their safety.

"We don't believe so, if that was the case where it was a random attack clearly the job for us is to make sure the public is aware of it," says RCMP Staff Sergeant Eric Stubbs.

Anyone who saw a young aboriginal woman, about 5'5" tall, with shoulder-length black hair, wearing a black sweater and black pants near the Shell station around 2 a.m. Feb. 24 is asked to call Terrace RCMP at 638-7400 or Crimestoppers at 635-8477 with any information.

Telemarketing tactics irk local senior

A THORNHILL resident is advising seniors and others to be wary of aggressive telemarketers seeking money.

Larry Sommerfield, a senior himself, says a company hired by the B.C. Federation of Police Officers wouldn't take no for an answer.

"They started off by asking for \$100. And when you say 'no' they whittle you down. I finally said I'd give them \$20 just to get off the phone," he said last week.

That pledge resulted in a letter being sent to Sommerfield asking him to send a cheque. But it also contained a box he could check if he wanted

to add \$2 to the original pledge.

Sommerfield will be sending that letter back, telling the telemarketing company and the police federation he won't be contributing.

"I just felt it was kind of an insult," said Sommerfield of the aggressive telemarketing approach.

He also doesn't want to contribute to an organization which has no presence in the area.

The B.C. Federation of Police Officers is a legitimate organization and the vast majority of its members are officers serving in municipalities that have their own police forces.

It raises money for a memorial fund for the families of officers killed in the line of duty, for lobbying for legislation to toughen criminal sentences and for educational and recreational youth programs.

Local RCMP Staff Sgt. Eric Stubbs said the aggressive telemarketing stance says more about the company hired by the federation than the federation itself.

But he warns all residents to be careful when listening to a telemarketing pitch and to act with caution at all times.

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Seniors at risk

PICK A neighbourhood, any neighbourhood, in Terrace and area and ask this question: "Ever left your vehicle door unlocked and found its contents missing the next day?"

The answer won't be surprising to members of the local RCMP detachment but it may be a shock to others.

CD players, CDs, tapes, tools, spare change, even gift certificates and children's crayons have gone missing.

It's a consistent and persistent low level of crime taking place in the dark hours throughout the area.

While this may be regarded as frustrating at the very least and accompanied by a certain amount of anger that somebody has been poking around in your vehicle, when crime moves into the daylight it becomes a concern of every person living in the area.

And the crime that is worst of all is that committed against senior citizens.

There have been two reported purse snatchings here since late last year. In both cases elderly women out walking in the daylight were assaulted. Both involved two young people. In the first case, police suspect the young people were female.

Just last month police report two elderly women answered a knock at their front door to find a young woman asking for money. In the first case, the woman said she needed to take a sick child to the hospital. When the homeowner went into the back of her house for a minute, the young woman took some money from a nearby table and fled.

In the second instance, the young woman told the homeowner she was collecting money to help the family of Jenna Parkes, the young Terrace girl who recently had a heart transplant in Edmonton. That young woman was given \$5.

It's reprehensible that the pursesnatchers assume they have the free right to roam the streets looking for targets of opportunity — people who cannot defend themselves.

It's even more reprehensible that someone seems to know exactly where senior citizens live in order to scam money. That takes not only planning but it becomes a deliberate and thought out act of crime.

The RCMP is asking for assistance in solving these crimes. It may even be there are more examples than have been reported so far. Those with information can either call the RCMP detachment directly or the anonymous Crimestoppers tip line at 635-8477.

And when these people are arrested and charged and convicted, an example needs to be made. Prey on seniors and you suffer the most serious of consequences. Anything else would be unacceptable.

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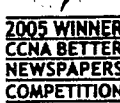
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GRAND PRIZE, AFGHANISTAN

A public port at Kitimat? You bet

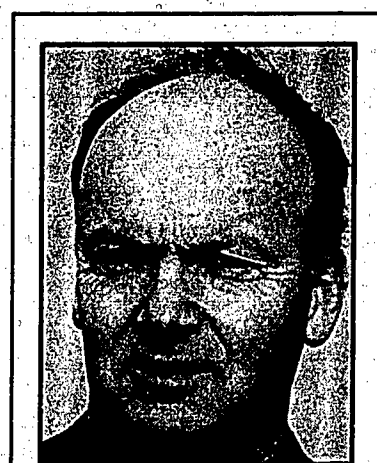
THE ALASKA Canada Rail Link Newsletter recently reported "The Yukon Ports Access Strategy Study is underway...to examine relevant short-term tidewater access for Yukon shippers — specifically the ports of Skagway, Haines, and Stewart/Hyder."

This group made a trip to Kitimat and even they could quickly see there is no "publicly accessible" port of Kitimat for them or anyone else to ship in or out of.

Over the last six months there has been a concerted effort by a number of people to bring entirely new forest industries into the northwest, specifically wood pellets and other biomass products.

The northwest fiber basket is the lowest valued in the province, our ability to harvest is entirely dependent on finding a market for the pulp. With all of our stands at a 50 per cent or better pulp content, the harvest community is limited in how much of their cash flow can continue to be tied up in roadside pulp that they can not sell. Equally the ability of the local sawmills to move to a second shifts is constrained by the lack of harvest activity.

The challenge for any of these new ventures in the northwest is in accessing markets. Currently they must ship through the Vancouver port in order for them to move their product. Notwithstanding the frustration around accessing rail cars the cost for



MY VIEW

ROGER HARRIS

this transportation makes most of these businesses uneconomical out of the gate.

Now in previous articles I have talked about the fact that there is no publicly accessible private port in Kitimat, but rather three major companies who own port infrastructure.

They will decide what will or will not be shipped across their facilities. These investments were made by them to handle their proprietary product. As long as the three major companies choose to limit access to their facilities there is no Port of Kitimat. This has always been the case.

Meanwhile, Methanex has become the community's next victim. Technology is continuing to reduce the workforces at both Eurocan and Alcan. The community is shrinking and the council's engaged in a fight that deflects attention from the real victim here, the region.

What is so infuriating today is that the challenge around attracting new businesses into the region today is same as it was 20 years ago and what it will be well into the future, unless we decide to move forward with a vision for the development of a true port in Kitimat.

We need a publicly accessible port on the Douglas Channel to handle break-bulk products. There are investors out there prepared to invest in that infrastructure if space was made available. The Haisla as well as economic development organizations and municipalities from our region are reaching out and bringing all of the players to the table.

The Prince Rupert container port project in many ways owes its success to the tremendous support it received right across the Western Canada. It was support that came from First Nations, municipal councils in B.C. and Alberta, and industry who could clearly demonstrate the financial benefits of such a project.

A break bulk port in Kitimat can garner the same level of support. It would facilitate expansion of the wood pellet industry right across north, especially in the pine beetle infested areas of the province.

It would be the point of entry for all of the construction materials for the many proposed major industrial projects that stretch well into Alberta. It is the perfect complement

to Prince Rupert which will see all of its available land consumed by activities around containers, coal and grain.

It is because of the broader impacts and benefits to the provincial/federal economies that this project like the container port needs government support at both the provincial and federal levels.

This is not a project we can afford to leave to one community to drive.

Immediately a Kitimat port corporation should be formed with membership from the Haisla, local municipalities and businesses that have existing foreshore or facilities on the Douglas Channel.

This group should move quickly to garner the appropriate level of provincial and federal participation and support.

They need to get on with identifying the right locations and operating form for developing a publicly accessible facility on the Douglas Channel.

If done right a port in Kitimat will have the same effect on the Terrace/Kitimat areas as the container port is having in Prince Rupert today. The jobs and businesses that will flow from such a facility will far out strip any reductions that will occur from smelter expansion at Alcan.

A true visionary plan is about looking to the future. Our future is in taking advantage of our natural assets. We are a gateway, it's about time we actually became one.

Gas company is in hot water

THE SIGNATURES of my husband and I are among the 3600 on MLA Robin Austin's petition protesting the proposed hike in natural gas rates. Maybe Pacific Northern Gas has read that petition; maybe not.

Either way, I'm feeling picked on after what took place recently. On Feb. 14 a Pacific Northern Gas truck stopped at our gate. Two employees stepped out, one of them carrying a shiny new gray gas meter. "We'd like to exchange your gas meter," he said.

"Why?" I asked. Our current meter had suffered no accidents from runaway lawnmowers or trucks without brakes.

"For accuracy." So, if my present meter wasn't accurate, who had been cheated? Me or the gas company? With the high cost of natural gas already, I would expect the utility company to post an armed guard anywhere a gigajoule exits its pipeline.

The man carrying a long-necked propane torch asked, "Would you like me to light your pilot lights when we're done?"

"Sure," I said. Pilot lights are always in the dark, at floor level. Lighting a pilot light



THROUGH BIFOCALS

CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

squatting on your hands and knees poking a flaming wad of alcohol-soaked cotton crimped into one end of an 18-inch long wire through a loonie sized opening is difficult enough for an inexperienced but younger homeowner. I don't recommend the pastime for seniors on bony, arthritic knees meeting concrete.

I led the torch-bearer through the house, opened the door to the basement, and left him to it. Aside from firewood, there isn't anything to steal from our basement. Or so I thought.

That evening while readying for bed, I noticed the hot tap water in the bathroom sink

felt warmer than usual. The water always gets warmest after our morning showers; this rise in temperature had no explanation. Except one.

In my slippers I padded down to the basement, flashlight in hand, and checked the knob that regulates the temperature of the hot water in the tank. Sure enough. The knob was uniformly dusty except in two places, each the size of a fingerprint, where dust had been wiped off exposing the knob's bright blue.

Seems that while lighting our pilot light the employee had decided our water temperature should be higher. Or was he more interested in having us buy extra gas?

The idea any company representative would act like a visiting mother-in-law and adjust our water temperature without my permission bothers me for two reasons: First, by setting the gauge higher, he was forcing us to pay higher costs for our gas consumption. Was this his way of earning Brownie points with PNG? Second, a higher temperature puts us at risk for accidental scalds. Statistics confirm seniors (babies and children, too) suffer serious scalding injuries in alarming numbers

either due to falling in the tub or from unnecessarily hot tap water. Some scalds have resulted in death.

Authorities advise keeping domestic water supplies at 120 degrees F. or 49 degrees C. specifically to reduce the risk of scalds to babies, children and seniors. Authorities assure our laundry and our dishes will be cleaned at that temperature.

We have no need of hot, hot water. We do our laundry in cold water. Once we've both had a morning shower, we use little hot water the rest of the day. So why heat 30 gallons unnecessarily 24 hours a day? Unless you feel PNG deserves more revenue.

Despite a compensatory payout from PNG's largest consumer, Methanex in Kitimat, the utility wants to raise their domestic rates even more to further make up for losing Methanex.

Residents already are upset with rising natural gas prices and growing suspicious. To discover a company employee has been tampering with a homeowner's hot water tank gauge under the pretense of re-lighting the pilot flame fuels my suspicious of the company and its true intent.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

Pets deserve respect

Dear Sir:
I am writing in response to offer my heartfelt wishes of hope to the Morberg family whose pet cat was shot recently.

As a pet owner myself, I am deeply disgusted and disturbed by this appalling act and feel sick by what has recently been happening in this town, regarding the actions of heartless people towards family pets.

I also do not understand the reasoning behind the lack of action or investigation from our police force. The family specifically went to the authorities and reported what is a most troubling and very serious act. They were basically ignored and turned away. This is unacceptable.

There are specific laws against cruelty to animals. Did the police think of looking at the issue of someone in possession of a firearm? Does this person have a legal licence for this gun?

People have told me that there is no comparison but nonetheless, I bet it would have been a different matter if the victim had been a member of the human race.

In my mind, all lives deserve respect, especially the innocent ones, the ones who cannot defend themselves against such acts.

Louise Chaput,
Terrace, B.C.

Terrace rocks in Kelowna

Dear Sir:
During the weekend of Feb. 10-12 I had the privilege of attending the Terrace Ladies 50th Anniversary Valentines Bonspiel.

The executive and volunteers are to be commended as you did Terrace proud. Thanks for the memories.

Sally Barry,
Kelowna, B.C.

Pet fee hike doubted

Dear Sir:
I agree that sometimes the wrong people adopt pets for the wrong reasons. With the new inflated fees it will mean fewer animals being adopted.

What will happen now? Most will be euthanized. The simple solution is for the shelter not to just give out animals but do a screening, ensuring that the right animal goes to the right family.

I know of people in my area who get big dogs, and they aren't allowed animals. So when the landlord finds out, the dog is let loose only to go back to the shelter.

My own dog, a rotti/shep was 'bought' at the Terrace shelter in 2004. She is a gem. I couldn't be happier with her and I paid \$35.

Now, only the wealthy among us will be able to have the love of a pet. I feel sick for all the unwanted pets that will never find a home.

Samantha McGowan,
Terrace, BC

The work continues

Dear Sir:
The dust has been settling on the federal campaign of 2006 and the new government of Canada will soon be discussing, debating and enacting legislation of interest and import, not only to us but also to future generations of Canadians yet unborn. I pray that all members of the new Parliament will be guided in their thoughts and actions by the Creator and Sustainer of life. He alone gives wisdom sufficient to the task.

I thank all the candidates, their families and campaign teams who gave of themselves for goals and values beyond themselves. I congratulate Nathan Cullen on his reelection. His personal energy has elicited voter confidence in his ability to represent the region in spite of some important party policies that do not reflect core public sentiment.

I urge all citizens to maintain a posture that respectfully supports our elected representatives while fully engaging them in the dialogue about the kind of country we want to leave to our children.

Truth, justice, decency and respect for human life at all stages are values that endure beyond elections. We will continue to work and pray for the manifestation of those principles within the families and communities of Skeena-Bulkley Valley and across Canada.

Rod Taylor,
Christian Heritage Party candidate,
Smithers, B.C.

Frustrated with council

Dear Sir:
Does anyone else feel as frustrated as I do in regards to the City of Terrace borrowing money to purchase the previous Co-Op building and now raising our taxes to pay for it? Is there some master plan in mind that the residents of Terrace should be made aware of?

Forgive me if I don't understand everything. The property cost 1 million dollars which the city borrowed and is now raising our taxes to pay for it.

What about the additional costs to disassemble the building. Word has it that this would cost a minimum of \$250,000? How will we afford to build anything on it? And is the building going to be a make money venture, or take money venture? Whatever is built has to be maintained. Furthermore, the City of Terrace is not collecting tax money on the property anymore.

Now we have the multiplex issue to deal with. I would hope that the City of Terrace consults its residents in the future on where we want our tax dollars going. In my opinion there are a lot of better places for our money to be going to than an old, dilapidated building or a multiplex.

I think the needs should be addressed before the wants. Why not focus on healthcare, education, basic services such as road maintenance, etc.

We obviously voted these people in, now let's make them accountable. Perhaps the citizens of Terrace, (myself included) ought to be attending the council meetings so we are more educated as to what decision making is taking place.

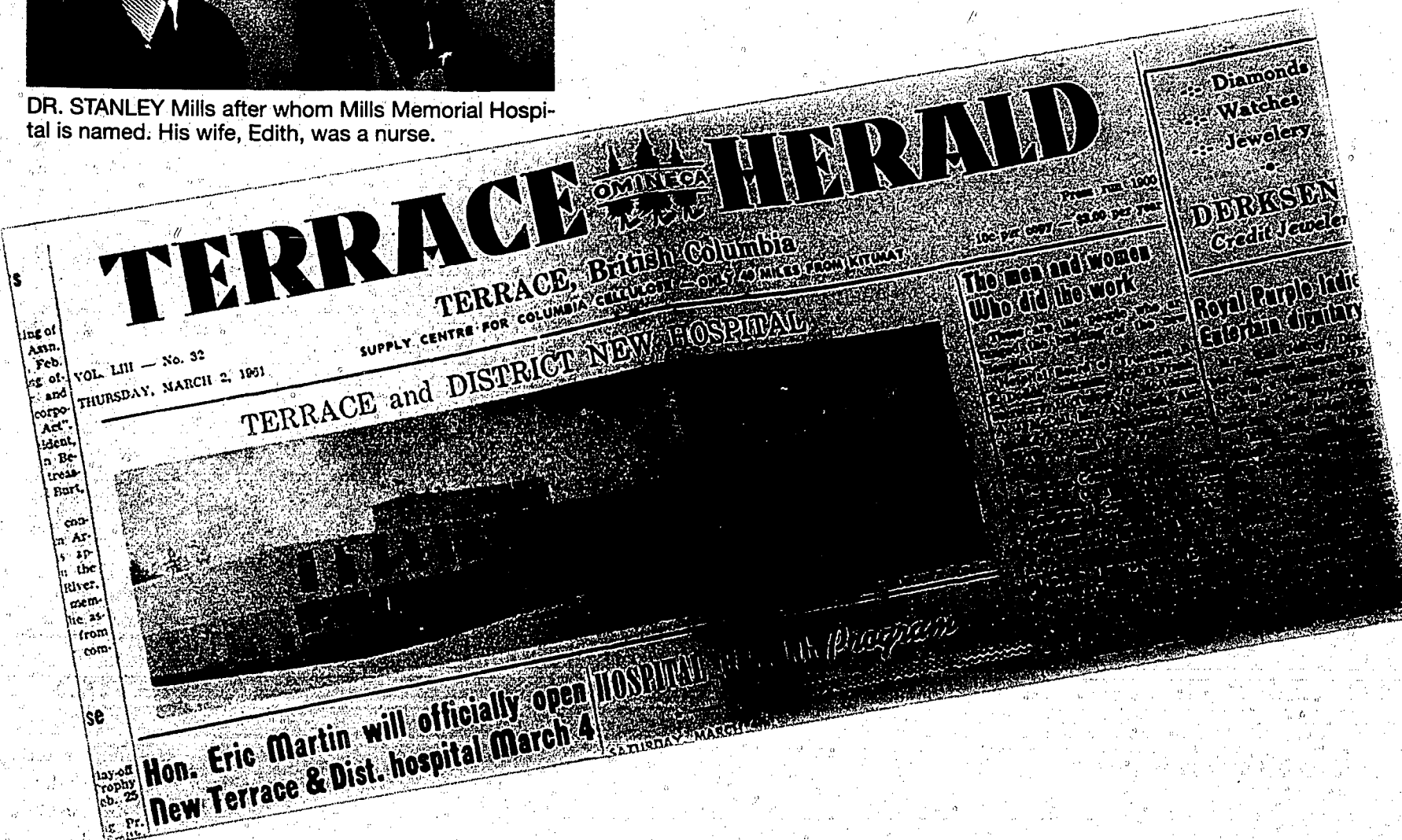
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Terrace, B.C.

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DR. STANLEY Mills after whom Mills Memorial Hospital is named. His wife, Edith, was a nurse.



It's Mills Memorial's birthday

OFFICIALLY OPENED March 4, 1961, the 40-bed Terrace and District Hospital was one of the more significant public sector construction projects of its time in this area.

The \$833,000 facility also represented the conclusion of a multi-year lobbying effort on the part of local residents to replace a Second World War-era building in which medical care had been provided.

That building, which is still in use today as an apartment complex on Little Ave., was purchased at the end of the war by a local committee that was assisted by city founder George Little, who provided the land on which it sits for \$1.

Through the efforts of local resident Ida Robinson, a very public appeal was made at a Red Cross conference in Vancouver for that organization to run a hospital.

It then provided the money and the expertise and a 10-bed facility operating as a Red Cross out-post hospital that was opened in the building in 1948.

But as the area population grew, so did the strain on the hospital.

By 1951, the Red Cross suggested more formal local control was

needed and that lead to the Terrace and District Association taking over the facility.

A new organization was then set up, which raised the money to add 10 more beds.

But in 1953, the hospital's governing board realized the building was no longer suitable and began lobbying, through a hospital improvement district, to build a much larger and more modern facility.

"About this time, the [provincial health minister] Honourable Eric Martin visited the Terrace hospital and after expressing amazement at its dilapidated condition decided immediate action was necessary," reported hospital trustee George McAdams in the March 1, 1961 issue of *The Terrace Herald*.

"He obtained government approval in principle and soon a firm of architects had been hired by the Terrace Hospital Board and a site chosen by government engineers."

Finally, after what McAdams called a "long and difficult period" of back and forth between the federal and provincial governments and the hospital board, a building contract was signed in 1959.

Construction began in February 1960.

The hospital may have opened with 40 beds but it was built so that 10 more beds could be easily added.

And construction was such that a new wing containing 25 beds could be accommodated without difficulty on the Haugland Ave. property.

At one time, the hospital contained more than 100 beds but that number has been drastically scaled back over the years as modern medicine reduced the need for people to stay for long periods of time.

The building has gone through a series of renovations, upgrades and improvements over the past 45 years to contain different kinds of medical equipment and services. A major expansion program finished in 1968 costing \$1.2 million.

Mills Memorial now contains the region's psychiatric care unit and a new kidney dialysis unit and a psychiatric living quarters has been built on its grounds.

This spring, a new intensive care unit will open on the main floor to replace the one on the second floor.

And a completely renovated emergency room is scheduled to

open this spring as well.

After 45 years, the building is showing signs of wear and the Northern Health Authority, which now runs the facility, has begun the complicated and long task of planning some kind of replacement.

The first name of the hospital was the Terrace and District Hospital, but that was changed to recognize and honour medical pioneer Dr. Stanley Mills.

He and wife Edith, a nurse, came to Terrace in 1930. Mills practised medicine throughout the area until retiring in failing health in 1957. Edith Mills continued to work at the hospital.

It was Dr. Mills who spearheaded local efforts at the end of the Second World War which culminated in that first Red Cross facility.

An early morning fire at their Lazelle Ave. residence on May 21, 1961, just two months after the hospital opened, took both of their lives. Reports indicate Edith Mills went back into the house to rescue her husband but was overcome by smoke.

The name was officially changed to Mills Memorial Hospital in 1962.

Hospital's milestones

ANY NEW hospital has a series of firsts.

That was the case at the new Mills Memorial Hospital, starting from its first day of occupancy in 1961.

First patient

ANNIE THIBIDEAU was the first patient at Mills Memorial Hospital on March 17, 1961. She had been at the old Red Cross hospital on Little Ave.

The Thibideau family arrived in Terrace in the fall of 1950 when Annie, her husband Rev. Harry Thibideau and their five children came here to start a Baptist church.

In the beginning, they held Sunday school and Sunday morning worship service in the Legion hall on Lakelse Ave. which is now the National vehicle rental location.

They came from Toledo, Ohio and lived here until 1962 when Mrs. Thibideau became ill and left to go back to Cleveland for surgery. The family followed soon after.

First baby

TERRI LEIGH Roper was the first baby born at Mills Memorial Hospital on March 20, 1961, the first day of spring.

She was the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Roper. At the time, a number of local business people honoured the occa-

sion with gifts.

She still has some of the special gifts received for the occasion, including a silver cup and a necklace.

The Ropers had five children born in Terrace, two at the new Mills Memorial and three at the old Red Cross hospital.

The family lived in Terrace until 1965, when they moved to the United States. The father, William Roper, died two years after they left Terrace in an automobile accident.

Terri Leigh is a nurse, and works at a brand new hospital.

First twins

MILLS MEMORIAL'S first twins were Joy Julian and June Elizabeth, born to Elizabeth and Joe Wideman at 8 p.m. on March 25, 1961.

At the time there was only one incubator available at Mills Memorial so both babies were placed in this incubator for a few days.

Elizabeth said the night before the girls were born, she received a call from her doctor saying she had better get two sets of everything.

Elizabeth Wideman received her licensed practical nurse training in Alberta in 1952. She eventually moved to B.C., working first in New Westminster and then on the polio and TB wards at Pearson hospital in Vancouver

where she met Joe.

Joe had already been here and liked it and took a transfer back to work at Skeenaview, where he spent 32 years. Elizabeth came to Terrace and began nursing at the old Red Cross hospital. Joe and Elizabeth were married in Terrace in 1960. After the twins, the Widemans had two other children, Karin and Ken. After raising the children, Elizabeth returned to work as a practical nurse at Mills Memorial for another 26 years.

First triplets

THE FIRST triplets born at Mills Memorial Hospital were to Peter and Solange Mangnus on May 6, 1969. The mangnus-infent three were Charles David, Judith Marie and Peter Brent. It took one half hour for all three to be born.

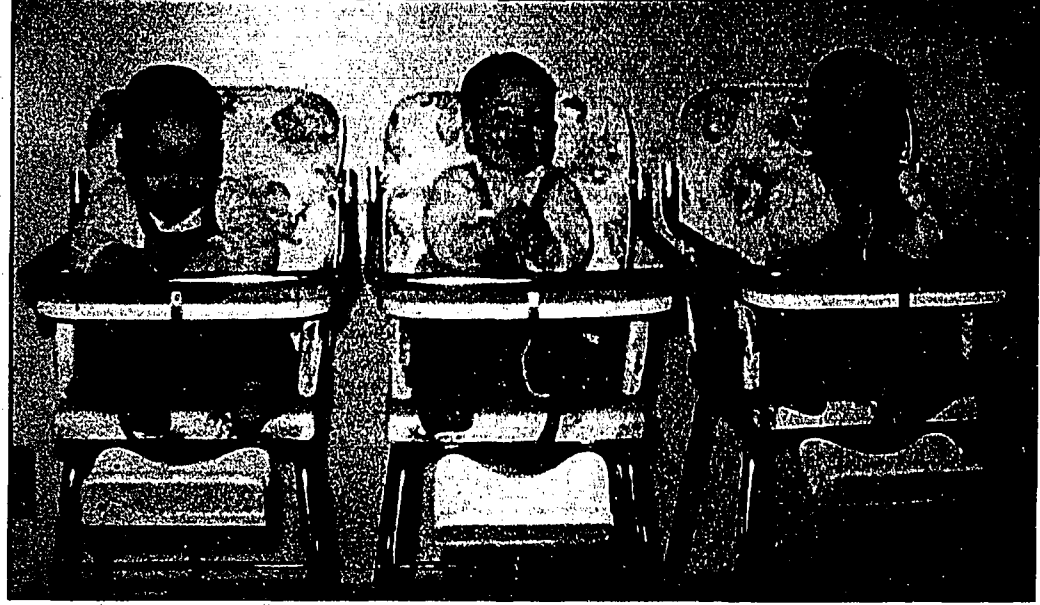
Dr. Gordon Boyd delivered the triplets, assisted by Dr. Barrie Philips, Leslie Brooks and Dr. Peterson, a specialist from England.

Solange said three weeks

before the triplets were born, she went in for an x-ray and was told she was about to have three babies. She was immediately admitted to hospital. Charles was the first to be born, followed by Judy then Peter.

Siblings Mike, 15, and Harry, 11, made caring for the triplets much easier. And there were many offers of help by other people.

Peter now lives in Kelowna and Judith and David in Vancouver.



THE DISTINCTION of being the first triplets born at Mills went to Charles, Judith and Peter Mangnus, pictured above, in 1969. The first twins were Joy and June Wideman, pictured in the tub, below.



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INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE and information for the information on Mills Memorial Hospital came from Yvonne Moen and the Terrace Regional Historical Society.

Shell wants to find solution to gas station dilemma

Dear Sir:

Your paper has published a number of stories involving a local businessman and Shell Canada. As always, there are two sides to every story and we believe it's important your readers have the opportunity to know about Shell's position in this matter.

We at Shell Canada share the community's concern about this situation and we are doing our best to resolve it with the party directly involved.

At Shell, we are clear about our approach to doing business. We act with hon-

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esty, integrity and fairness in our work and we look for the same from those with whom we do business. Shell takes its environmental responsibility seriously.

In this case, Shell has put forward various offers to try to move towards resolution, which have been declined or went without a response.

Indeed, we expected to have found a solution by now but we remain committed to making progress.

Besides our ongoing efforts to talk with those directly involved, we have been open and straightforward about this issue, responding to questions from community members, local

government officials and the media.

We believe the parties can find a solution that is fair and equitable, and we will continue to do our part to make it happen as soon as possible.

Dominic Michiels,
Shell Canada Products,
Calgary, Alberta

Liberals don't get it either when it comes to the north

Dear Sir:

The Feb. 22 headline, "Those urban folk just don't get it," over the top of the Roger Harris column caught my attention.

Since Roger Harris and I have disagreed on a few issues I had to know just how it was that we were in complete agreement once more.

Roger highlights the urban environmentalist as the focus of his charge that "those urban folks just don't get it." I found he may be only partly right.

When Alcan threatened to shut down a pot line because of low reservoir water levels and the province offered cheap power to keep their pot lines running to avoid layoffs, the southern columnists complained about what a bad deal it was for everyone in the rest of the province.

They gave not a thought to the economic contribution of the smelter jobs in Kitimat.

When the government supported the SCI mill in the late 90's, the columnists down south and the then leader of the opposition, Gordon Campbell, ridiculed Dan Miller calling him "Dan the SCI Man". They called it a scandal.

Then when Campbell had the chance, he shut down SCI and for four years while the northwest in general and Terrace in particular suffered we heard from him and Roger that

business could not be subsidized.

It would have been comforting to hear just once from Roger, "those urban folks just don't get it."

I would agree with Roger a lot more if he wasn't so inconsistent. If those communities that have the resources, generate the wealth and are beyond Hope, must never rely on assistance from government, why is it different for the south?

Why is it acceptable to pass provincial legislation permitting a lower level of government to subsidize a business? In the rural areas any assistance for a local mill for example must come from local taxpayers but it can't come from provincial taxpayers.

The biggest provincial taxpayer subsidy to business is taking place in the Vancouver area in the form of the construction activity around the 2010 Olympics. Up here we must scrounge around for ways to benefit from the Olympics in Whistler. Now before people get too excited, let me say that I enjoy watching the Olympics, but it is a subsidy for the area in which it is held.

So, I don't think it is just the urban environmentalists that don't get it.

Helmut Giesbrecht,
Terrace, B.C.

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MLA finds himself in hot water over immigration comments

SKEENA NDP MLA Robin Austin is puzzled and upset he's being called anti-immigrant by a Langley Liberal MLA.

Austin said Mary Polak is taking comments he made in the legislature in February out of context.

In his reply to the speech from the throne, Austin questioned why the provincial government wanted to address the shortage of skilled labour in B.C. through immigration when there are people out of work in the northwest who would benefit by job training.

"We have a skills shortage, but we do not fund our college system to train these workers with the skills they need," Austin said Feb. 16 in the legislature.

He pointed to two aboriginal communities, Gitwag and Gitanyow, where he said the unemployment rate is over 90 per cent.

And he said Northwest Community College doesn't have the money to meet the demand it's getting for skilled trades programs.

Polak is concentrating on a specific aspect of Austin's comments - that immigrants prefer to settle and live in urban centers.

"Surely those people who have committed themselves to living in the north should have the chances to gain the skills to fill those jobs instead of relying on immigrants who, quite possibly, will only want to live in the Lower Mainland once they get here," said Austin on Feb. 16.

That comment is "an insult to the thousands of immigrants who have built this province," wrote Polak in her letter.

"Despite constant attempts by the NDP to portray their party as the one most supportive of immigrants, they will not support immigrants when it means confronting their core supporters in the labour movement," she wrote.

Speaking last week, Austin said his comments simply reflected a reality of immigration in Canada.

"Where do immigrants want to go? It's to Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. By and large over 90 per cent of immigrants want to settle in urban areas," he said. "That's not an anti-immigrant stance."

"All I'm saying is the government should invest in the people who want to live in rural B.C.," Austin said of his position of one way of dealing with the skills shortage.

He also said it is laugh-

able to consider himself as anti-immigrant because he himself came to Canada from England in 1980 and took out citizenship in 1993.

"And you should know my mother was born in Sri Lanka," Austin said.

"Welcome to the seamier side of politics," said Austin of the situation.

Also speaking last week, Polak noted that Austin has forgotten decades of contributions by immigrants who moved to northern and rural areas.

"It really sounds to me like Robin is perpetuating a stereotype," said Polak who, when as a school trustee in Surrey, worked on a group aimed at bettering the ability of immigrants to find work.



Robin Austin

"It's a stereotype that says immigrants stay in the Lower Mainland while the rest of the province is a Caucasian bastion. I think that's really inappropriate in the context that he's putting it in," said Polak.



Mary Polak

"If Robin wants to criticize us for the job we're doing in training, in skills development, to say that we're not doing a good enough job, that's fine. That's fair game. But to bring immigration into it as if that's the issue,

that's wrong," she added.

Polak said Austin's comments appear to promote a line of thinking that immigrants take jobs away from Canadian citizens.

Austin noted that Polak was part of a long and expensive court battle when she and others opposed the use in Surrey schools of textbooks featuring same-sex parents during her time as the chair of its school board.

"Life does come back to haunt you. She's now sitting beside Lorne Mayencourt [in the legislature]," said Austin.

Mayencourt is gay and is the Liberal MLA for Vancouver-Burrard.

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Hawkair continues court battle against CAW unionization

By ROD LINK

HAWKAIR AND the Canadian Autoworkers Union (CAW), which wants to represent its pilots and flight attendants, are due back in B.C. Supreme Court to argue whether or not certification can take place.

At issue is a clause in the bankruptcy protection order granted Hawkair last fall which indicates union certification can not take place while the company reorganizes its finances.

A CAW lawyer appeared in court last week to ask for more time to prepare submissions.

"Our focus is to fix whatever's wrong in our employee groups," said Hawkair general manager Tom Beshr following the March 9 court appearance. "Our preference is that we remain non-union."

"We want the [certification] application withdrawn by the CAW. We feel it is in contempt of court."

The CAW says a majority of Hawkair's 22 pilots and flight attendants approached it to ask that it represent them in contract talks with the company.

Pilots and flight attendants are worried about pay and job protection. The company brought in pay cuts last August and cut staff to help balance expenses against revenues last August, prior to being granted bankruptcy protection in October.

The pilots and flight attendants form about 20 per cent of Hawkair's 98 employees based in the northeast, in Terrace and in Vancouver.

Their application was made to a federal labour board because Hawkair is a federally-regulated company.

CAW official John Bowman said more time was granted for submissions regarding its certification application because it received official notice of Hawkair's objection just two days prior to the March 9 court date.

That date was already established for the company and its bankruptcy protection monitor to provide a report and to ask for an extension of the protection.

"There would also be no time to hear submissions regarding our situation," said Bowman.

Hawkair was given a 90-day extension of its bankruptcy protection so it can not only deal with the CAW issue but reach deals with its creditors as part of a plan to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

Hawkair's major creditor is IMP Group from the Maritimes which sold Hawkair two of the three Dash 8-100 aircraft it flies.

Hawkair now says the aircraft are worth less than what they paid for them and wants payments reduced to a level that matches current value.

But Beshr also said Hawkair wants to acquire newer aircraft that are less expensive to run and which can carry more passengers, baggage and cargo.

He said IMP did not oppose the 90-day extension but does want to be kept informed of Hawkair's refinancing progress.

It's a sign, Beshr continued, that IMP is willing to consider any and all proposals.

Hawkair had hoped to have some kind of deal done with IMP to present at the March 9 court appearance and to file a plan for consideration by other creditors.

Its last court date in February featured a go-forward timetable which, if all had gone according to plan, would have seen a series of events take place timed to take the company out of bankruptcy protection by late spring.

Beshr said those plans will continue but will be 90 days later than planned owing to the extension.

"There's really no downside. We continue to pay our bills and we're optimistic about the future," he said.

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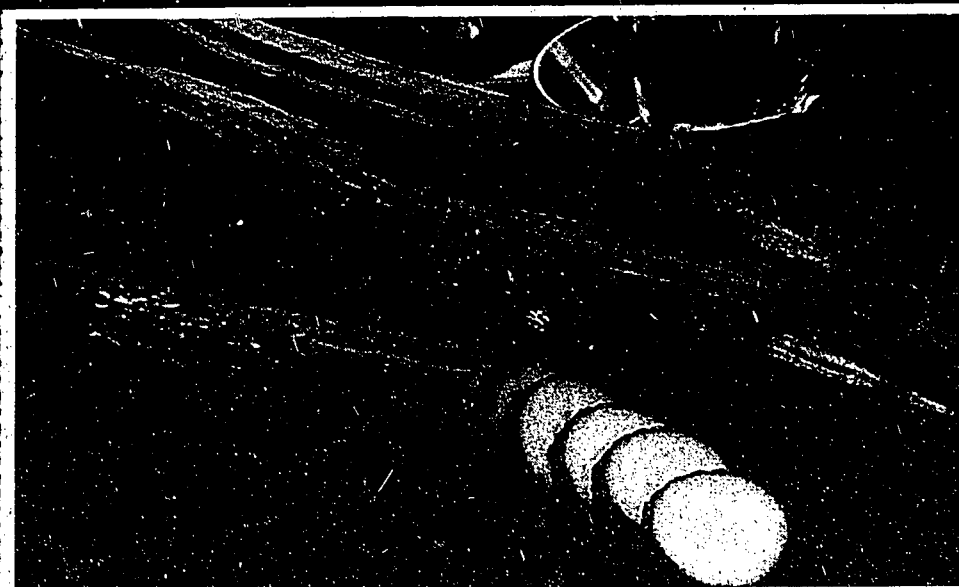
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DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

City chooses ex-MLA for special projects

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

THE CITY of Terrace has hired former Liberal MLA Roger Harris as a consultant to work on a number of unfinished city projects and to act as a liaison for intergovernmental relations and First Nations groups.

Ron Poole, a senior city administrator, says Harris is perfect fit for the role.

"Roger is that right person for some of these initiatives - anything that has to deal with access to the province, issues on a regional basis such as the airport lands, forestry, power issues, First Nations issues - power as in the transmission line up Meziadin," says Poole.

Harris will work on a month-to-month basis as specific requirements arise, adds Poole. His pay will come from \$100,000 the city has set aside in this year's budget for what it calls "council initiatives."

When the city posted the position, Poole says he didn't know whether it would amount to a full-time job or work better as a position to be contracted out on a short term basis.

Poole says city staff have been working on a number of those initiatives but many senior managers don't have the time or the expertise to carry them through.

Mayor Jack Talstra is pleased with the selection, saying Harris will provide important connections at both the provincial and federal levels to deal with initiatives such as improving First Nations relationships, developing the airport lands and our community forest.

And he adds other job applicants, mostly consultants, may also see their services used in the future.

"A number of people applying turned out to be more consultant types," says Talstra.

"Those that were not successful, we've said to them you have a certain niche of ex-

pertise and we may come back to you and use your services."

Talstra likens the position to that of former city manager Paul Gipps, who was a special projects coordinator here prior to becoming the senior administrator in Houston more than a year ago.

Harris says he looks forward to the job, describing matters such as developing lands around the airport and building relationships with native governments as crucial to the future of the city and area.

"I think I have unique expertise to bring to the table that can be helpful," he said.

Harris did not describe his role as that of a lobbyist to advocate on the city's behalf with the federal, provincial and native governments.

"There's a big difference between phoning a minister and saying you should talk to this guy and to what I would do. I would call it a mechanical function - taking something that was a political award and turning it into a real opportunity that works," he said.

In any event Harris, who was not only the MLA for Skeena but also the minister of state for forestry operations until his defeat in the May 2005 provincial election, is barred from lobbying the provincial government on behalf of groups, individuals or businesses for two years beginning from the date he left office.

The city is in the midst of budget deliberations and is creating a five-year plan.

Part of that includes a proposed residential property tax hike of three per cent, which amounts to about \$240,000 more per year in the city's budget.

The city cited rising unionized employee costs, utility costs and its purchase of the former Terrace Co-op buildings and land as the primary reasons for the proposed tax hike.

Officers hired

THE PROVINCIAL government is moving to restore cuts to the Conservation Officer Service (COS) that it made in 2002.

It's doing so by hiring 18 seasonal officers; one of those will be stationed in Dease Lake and another in Burns Lake. They'll be on duty from May until late fall.

"These deployments are the result of careful evaluation and identification of the ministry's top COS needs, based on an increased COS in communities around the province," said Environment Minister Barry Penner.

Before the 2002 cuts, both Dease Lake and Burns Lake, among other smaller communities, had full-time conservation officers.

In Terrace, the conservation office was all but closed to the public and toll-free service was introduced throughout the province for people to use.

Provincial NDP opposition critics say the hirings are an admission the province erred in the first place when it made the cuts. "The result has been a spotty compliance and enforcement regime," said opposition environment critic Shane Simpson.

Since 2001, more than 320 conservation and environmental protection positions have been lost, he said.



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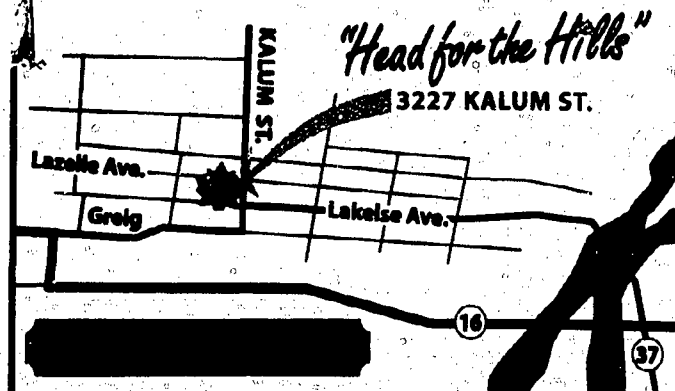
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BUSINESS REVIEW



USING local wood, Todd Mikkelsen builds log homes to customers' specifications right here in Terrace. After he builds them, he dismantles the homes for export.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Homebuilder logging more business here Out & About

A TERRACE man is hoping his log home building business will take off now that he's established himself full time in Terrace.

Todd Mikkelsen is behind Great North Pacific Log Homes — a small Terrace-based company taking advantage of developing value-added wood products for sale.

He had been working with his brother for a company in Whitehorse, Yukon for several years but moved to Terrace four years ago to start his own log home building company here.

Easy access to beautiful wood is one reason Mikkelsen has chosen Terrace as the home base for the business.

Using primarily hemlock, spruce and cedar, the homes are a reflection of the unique composition of northwestern forests. And he secures all his wood from small local loggers — keeping money in the region.

Working with wood is something of a labour of love for Mikkelsen.

"It's pretty much an art," he says. "Every log is differ-

ent, every house is different and every house goes together differently."

Mikkelsen comes by his love of the craft naturally, getting his start in the business in 1976 under the guidance of his father when he was just 14 years old.

His brother also owns a log house building company in Whitehorse — a company Mikkelsen continues to subcontract to.

While he does work from some generic plans, the idea behind Great North Pacific Log Homes is to provide custom built houses to the customer's specifications.

Recently, Mikkelsen expanded his business by purchasing a lot at 3503 River Drive where he will build the homes before exporting them.

The homes are built, then dismantled into approximately 100 pieces for transport. Mikkelsen then travels to the destination and oversees the reassembly personally.

He expects the company to grow in the coming years and to hire up to five employees in the near future.

A NEW pawn shop and retail outlet is opening its doors downtown in the coming weeks.

Beverly Hills Trading Company is moving in to the former Queens Closet location at 3227 Kalum Street between Lakelse and Lazelle avenues.

Ron Scott, a renovations contractor from Vancouver, purchased the 2,200 square foot building that once housed the old Bank of Montreal, just last month.

While there are no immediate plans to develop the second floor, the new retail shop is expected to open by mid-March.

The store will feature between 50 and 70 per cent new retail items including new clothing lines by popular hip hop and rap artists, says Scott.

It will also feature imported antiques and will include a pawn shop where customers can buy and sell items.

While Scott lives in Vancouver, his nephew Jay Griffiths, a Terrace local, will be managing the store.

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Medical care bus system here by June

THE NORTHERN Health Authority has let its first contract to run both long distance and short haul medical bus services in the region.

Diversified Transportation Ltd., a subsidiary of the large and privately owned Pacific Western Transportation, will operate full-size coaches and smaller minibuses along Hwy16, down south to Vancouver and to Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Users of the service, to start in June, will pay a small fee that's yet to be determined and must be going to or returning home from a physician-referred treatment or medical procedure not available in their home town.

Diversified is buying new buses which will be outfitted to handle people in wheelchairs, says Northern Health Authority official Sean Hardiman.

"There'll be bathrooms on the buses and amenities not available on commercial buses," he added.

There'll be twice-weekly coach service from Vancouver to and from Prince George, Prince George to and from Prince Rupert and Prince George to and from Fort St. John.

Same-day service on minibuses will run from Houston to and from Terrace, Burns Lake to and from Smithers, Burns Lake to and from Prince George, Valemount to and from Kamloops and Valemount to and from Prince George.

And there will be a once-weekly service connection in the northeast to Grande Prairie.

Stops on all services will be made to pick up and drop off passengers in other towns along the routes.

Hardiman described the bus plan as complicated to put together but expects it to offer low-cost ways for people, primarily those on low incomes, to obtain medical treatments not available in their hometowns.

Diversified's contract amounts to just over \$2.339 million. It is for three years with an option for an additional two years and the money comes from \$4 million provided by the province to ease medically-related transportation costs.

"A minibus might normally hold 24 people but with configurations for wheelchairs, each take 18 people," said Hardiman.

Full-size coaches normally contain 55 people but with wheelchair accessibility changes, that will drop to perhaps 35 people, he continued.

Not quite settled yet is the contract to run a minibus between Terrace and Kitimat because there are plans to combine it with a more commercial service.

That will involve subsidies from local governments, including native ones, and details are still being finalized, said Hardiman.

The Terrace-Kitimat service is not only for Kitimat area residents who come to Terrace for medical services not available there but also for Terrace area residents referred to Kitimat's orthopedic surgeon.

There is no orthopedic surgeon in Terrace.

The health authority will also be looking for a company interested in running a non-medical health information call centre.

It won't dispense medical advice but will tell people about various health care programs and services and give information on Northern Health Authority functions.

Mining school cranking up for second year

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY College is on the verge of exporting its mining and exploration job training program to other areas of the province.

Not all of the details have been ironed out but the college will be in a position to offer the program, developed with the Smithers Exploration Group, in some fashion to colleges or other institutions elsewhere, says college official Holly-Anne Burrows.

"It could be a partnership with other institutions or by some other means. We just don't know yet," she said.

"It's great that we will be able to use this model of delivery and our expertise," Burrows added.

The college and the Smithers Exploration Group received \$360,000 from the province last year for its first school of mining training offerings and are getting \$300,000 this year to continue.

Offering the same type of program elsewhere will also be financed by the province.

The exploration and mining school was developed in response to the rapidly growing search for precious and base metals by mineral resource companies on properties in the northwest and by the subsequent demand for trained people.

As much as \$100 million was spent last year in the northwest by mining and exploration companies.

Programs offered this year include camp manager, prospector basic training, driller's helper, and mining exploration field assistant.

In Terrace, an eight-day camp manager training program began on Monday.

Students will have to acquire a number of safety, transportation and equipment certificates before the actual field training begins. The program targets people who have experience in the bush, and want to enhance those skills to a camp manager level.

Other courses are being offered in Houston, in Smithers and around the northwest. Mackenzie, north of Prince George, is also on the list.

Depending upon the program, students learn GPS, map, compass and note-taking basics; wilderness safety and survival; safety and field communications; grid layout methods; basic rock and soil sampling techniques and core splitting.

Nearly 90 field assistants graduated last year and the college says half found immediate work.

Northwest Community College is also taking part in a provincial effort called Mining Rocks which highlights job and career opportunities in the mining industry.

The career and jobs fair has already visited Smithers and comes to Terrace March 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Best Western Terrace Inn.

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WHAT?

CHARLYNN TOEWS

Beware

If you glance up to the top of the page, you'll see we are at mid-month; the "Ides" of March.

This general warning is for entertainment purposes only.

Scribes and soothsayers have been cautioning us continually about this day. Earlier this month, a BBC journalist warned that PM Tony Blair's vote on educational reforms, to take place on March 15, may not go well.

American commentator William S. Lind foresees escalating troubles in Iran and Iraq. One blogger tells of an impending global oil crisis, while another says the US Dollar will collapse, on or about today. Analogies are made regarding men in togas wielding long knives. "Beware the Ides of March" is the common headline.

Of course, the most famous harbinger of doom was in Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar." The British

Broadcasting Corporation can fill us in here: "But where does the expression come from? And why should this date in the calendar be associated with leaders getting a knife in the back from their colleagues?"

"The famous phrase 'Beware the Ides of March' appears in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar - and is the warning given to the Roman ruler by a soothsayer.

"Caesar ignored the far-sighted warning to stay away from the senate and, on 15 March in the year 44 BC, he was assassinated by his own people - setting up the classic image of political betrayal that has been endlessly recycled by dramatists, cartoonists and comedy sketch writers."

Well, why not simply say, "Hey, J! Watch out for Wicked Wednesday!" instead? Turns out the days of the week or the numbered dates of the month are a very modern way to count your way to payday.

The "Ides" were part of the old Roman calendar - falling on the 15th day of March, May, July and October and on the 13th day of the other months. Ides means "divider." ("Month twain in two, paycheque is due!") might have been a popular poem of the day, if it weren't for all those Sonnets crowding the market at the time.)

Back in 1599 or so, it was common to say, for example, "I'll have my e-mail to you by five Ides," meaning five days before the 15th. Okay, maybe not e-mail, more like fax or folio.

The Ides were used alongside two other markers - "Kalends" for the first day of the month and "Nones," for the 5th or 7th day. Kalends means calendar, and was traditionally the day that bills were due. You might dread Kalends more than Ides, especially if we're talking about Kalends stamped "overdue" or that dreaded red "Final Notice."

"Nones" as the 5th or 7th day of the month doesn't seem to have a lot of meaning on its own, other than a spacer between Invoice Due and Treachery Looming. "Let's meet for lunch on V Nones," could mean Don D's on March 3. ("Sorry, my sundial was clouded over out in Thornhill, hope you weren't waiting too long.")

This day-timer system lasted 2000 years, so that Shakespeare could be confident his audience would immediately understand the Ides of March to mean the 15th.

Skipping out all the boring parts, (guys in togas, much "Forsooth!" and so forth) here's the scene that sets the scene:

Caesar: Who is it in the press that calls on me? I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music Cry "Caesar!" Speak. Caesar is turn'd to hear.

Soothsayer: Beware the ides of March. Then stab, stab, "I die! I die!" and "Et tu, Brutus?"

These days, a tragedy is sad and a comedy is happy. Back in Billy S's time, a tragedy was a story in which a moral flaw led inevitably to the character's downfall, which is still sad. We might say today, "Zounds! He wast such a jerk and had-deth it coming to him!"

A comedy takes things lightly, and rushes right in without too much explaining or background. It should contain at least some humour.

Here's something to look forward to: between the Ides of March and the Kalends of May, is our dear Will's birthday. My Shakespeare prof made a surprise announcement during the final exam: a bonus question would award us extra points, if we could write down Shakespeare's birthday. Alas and alack, I didn't know on April 23, 1980 when I was writing said exam, how important that date was. I felt dismayed and ripped off about my loss, but in retrospect, it's kinda funny.

Vesta shines in the spotlight

By MARGARET SPEIRS

FRIENDS HELD a memorial tribute at the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Theatre March 5 to say goodbye to Vesta Douglas, the much-loved teacher and philanthropist, who was also "a legend in her own time."

Reverend Wally Hargrave opened with a prayer, read his own tribute to Douglas and tributes from members of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra, whom Douglas adored.

Longtime friend Charles Meek read tributes to her from people around the world and locales who couldn't be present to honour Douglas, who passed away last month just before the opening of the Terrace Curling Association's Valentine's Bonspiel, an event which she started 50 years ago.

Meek remembered Douglas's close friends who could not be present, such as the Camerons who were "a blessing to her" and Jim MacDougall, who was with Douglas when she passed.

He also thanked the Terraceview Lodge staff for its dedication and care for her and the Terrace Hospice Society.

He pointed to a spotlighted photo of Douglas that sat next to a dozen red roses on an onstage table.

Meek said he brought her roses every week and she loved them and told him she'd miss them when she was gone.

Meek promised her that even after death she would continue to receive them.

"I intend to keep that promise," he told the audience of about 175 people.

A poem Meek wrote for Douglas two years ago, aptly titled Vesta's Poem, was read aloud and accompanied by live music. The stage was darkened and the only light was the spotlight illuminating her photo.

Meek said when he first recited the poem for Douglas, he couldn't look in her eyes.

But as it drew to a close, he looked at her and she said, "Why



CHARLES MEEK, left, and Reverend Wally Hargrave flank the photo of Vesta Douglas that was prominently displayed on stage during the memorial tribute to Douglas at the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Theatre March 5.

would somebody write something so nice about me?"

"Simply, you're a special lady," he told the audience.

"She loved trouble and our jokes and there was indeed many good ones," he said.

Edna Cooper, who spoke on behalf of the Coast Mountains School District, remembered Douglas's words that the children in the classroom would always be her chief concern.

Douglas believed deeply that every person had value and said "the privilege of learning from children has been a priceless experience."

Mary-Ann Burdett, Dominion

Command President Royal Canadian Legion, offered her own memories of Douglas as a usual and welcome sight at the legion, always present for the judging of the Riverboat Days parade, the legion's steak nights and special occasions as long as she was able to get there.

Douglas was always the first to congratulate her on her move up the legion ranks, Burdett said.

"The most special was when she took me by the hand and said 'you've done well, Mary-Ann. We're proud of you but be happy. That's what's truly important. Happiness doesn't just happen Mary-Ann, you've got

to give it a little nudge," she said.

Hargrave and Meek named the many organizations Douglas supported. Everything from the Terrace Beautification Society to the Terrace Public Library to the Terrace Pipes and Drums benefitted from Douglas's kindness, love and generosity, they said.

Hargrave noted one of the organizations Douglas held dear was the Child Development Centre and invited people to honour Douglas by making a donation to the centre.

Hargrave summed up the emotional day, reading from a letter by former teacher Art Erasmus: "She indeed will be missed."

Locals bring water, hope to Ethiopia

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

WHEN LESLEY Erasmus returned to Terrace from her first trip to Ethiopia three years ago, she felt a little guilty every time she used her tap or flushed the toilet.

After seeing the great lengths many villagers go to just to get fresh water, she realized the access to clean water Canadians enjoy is something to cherish rather than take for granted.

"Most of the women spent their time hauling water," recalls Lesley of her first visit to the African country. "It's pretty instructive to see how people live and how lucky we are."



VILLAGERS gather water from a water source above. Below, a young Ethiopian girl carries water on her back.



That's why she and her husband Art, also a Rotarian but from the Terrace Downtown Club, have since spearheaded a campaign to raise money through Rotary to help bring fresh, clean water to a small African community.

Through their contacts with Ethiopian Rotarians, the couple learned about Ginnir, a small goat herding village located 500 km south of the nation's capital, Addis Abbaba.

Ginnir is the meeting place for shepherds - while the men work herding goats, the women and children are left to maintain the home.

The community's only water source is located seven km from the village.

For nearly 20 years, water from the well was pumped to Ginnir, but about four years ago it failed and went out of service.

Since then, villagers have had to walk to and from the water source to collect water - something that can be a dangerous venture for the community's most vulnerable members - young girls.

"In particular, girls and women are the main victims - girls are forced to quit school and women, who shoulder the burden and the sole responsibility of caring for their children and making food, are now burdened with the extra task of providing their families with water," says Ethiopian Rotarian Teshome Kebede.

The round trip journey to and from the well brings with it its own dangers.

"They are often at risk of being preyed upon by not only animals but by older men as well," explains Lesley.

The task is labour intensive with pitchers of water sometimes weighing twice as much as the girls' own weights, says Kebede.

Kebede is a member of the Rotary Club of Addis Abbaba, the Ethiopian sister club joining forces with Lesley and Art to install the new generator and pump in Ginnir.

Once it's installed, young girls can start returning to school - something most have been denied since the well went out of service.

It's one example of how bringing water to a small community can affect dramatic social change.

On site access to clean water reduces the incidence of waterborne diseases, which in

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Around Town

Book yourself a night of literary and family fun

SKEENA JUNIOR Secondary School plays host to Family Literacy Night next Tuesday, March 21 from 7-9 p.m. featuring keynote speaker and author Eden Robinson.



Eden Robinson

Robinson, a Haisla woman who grew up near Kitamaat and now lives in North Vancouver, has recently finished her third published book, Bloodsport.

Her previous published books include Monkey Beach and Traplines, a collection of stories that was awarded the Winifred Holtby Prize for the best first work of fiction in the Commonwealth, and was a New York Times Editor's Choice and Notable Book of the Year.

The evening will kick off with opening ceremonies by the Clarence Michiel Drum Group and that's just the be-

ginning.

There will be booths set up by the First Nations Education Centre, the Terrace Public Library, Misty River Books, the Skeena school library, the Kermode Friendship Centre and Sue Spalding.

Emily Bryant will be storytelling, plus there will be activities for younger readers, including a story book corner and games.

Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be offered.

Robinson will also be talking to individual classes during the day at the school.

Leona Wells at Skeena Junior Secondary school is the organizer with the help of students from the 'Na aksa Gila Kew Learning Centre.

Make a racket at the Kiva

THE KIVA Café at Northwest Community College is hosting a squash tournament March 16-19 and there's plenty happening around the games.

On Friday, March 17, there will be an open mic for St. Patrick's Day from 4 p.m. until close.

The following night, Saturday, March 18 the café hosts a potluck for spectators and players.

And throughout the Thursday to Sunday tournament door prizes will be awarded to spectators.

Interested players see page B10 for the sporting info and questions can be directed to Elaine at 638-5457.

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■ **Beauty and Transformation** is Seva Canada's 90-minute multimedia presentation of Canadian photographer Brian Harris's trip to India in 2005. The show presents more than 500 new photographs and uses videography, indigenous music and sounds to portray the transformative work of four people and projects that exemplify the qualities of wisdom, beauty, vision and compassion. The show will be presented at the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Theatre Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Tickets are \$15 at the door and money raised will

go to Seva Canada's sight projects.



Brian Harris's stunning photography will be presented in a 90-minute show at the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Theatre March 18.

■ **The Terrace Art Gallery** presents *Trees*, mixed media featuring Dawn Germyn. On display from Friday, March 3 to Saturday, April 1 at the gallery - 4610 Park Ave. Gallery hours are:

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Live music

■ **The 41st annual Pacific Northwest Music Festival** returns March 23 to April 8. The 17-day festival celebrates the music and culture of the Northwest with a variety of daily activities for all ages that will be held at a variety of venues in Terrace. The festival, as always, is capped by a Scholarship Night on Friday, April 7 and Gala Performance & Awards Night on Saturday, April 8 - both events at the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Theatre. Admission tickets to both nights can be purchased at Mist River Books, while programs can be purchased for \$10 at either Sight and Sound or Misty River Books.

■ **Anka's Fresh Food and Dessert Café** will be open for St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 17 for dinner with live music to follow from local singer/songwriter Jessica Hogg. Located in the All West Centre off Keith Ave.

■ **Cafenara** is bringing back by popular demand its acoustic jams every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Upcoming dates are: March 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARCH 1-19

The Kitimat Centennial Museum presents Family Traditions II: an exhibit by Henakiala First Nation artist Chris Wilson featuring banners, paintings, and carvings by Henry Robertson. Through March 19, Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun 12-5 p.m.

MARCH 17 & 24

The Terrace Legion Branch 13 is staging a four-night karaoke contest (remaining dates March 17 & 24) with registrations at 7:30 p.m. and competitions beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd are on the line and will be awarded March 24. The best three out of four nights will be used for judging so every night is important. All members and bona fide guests welcome to come out and watch or perform.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

The Citizens on Patrol Program (C.O.P.P.) is having a bike sale at its office in the Skeena Mall. The bikes for sale have been handed in to the RCMP in the last year, fixed by C.O.P.P. and remained unclaimed for three months. Last year's sale featured all types and sizes of bikes - about 70 in total. Doors open at 9 a.m. Call Jean or Winston 635-7753 or Connie 635-4690 for information.

PSAs

The Terrace Child and Development Centre and Northern Health offer infant massage with certified instructors on March 13 and 16. Sessions are from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Health Authority (3412 Kalum St.) For babies aged birth to pre-crawling. The sessions are free, participants need only bring a blanket or towel. To register, call 638-2200 or for info call Catherine 638-1100 or Karen 635-9388. Learn another way to bond and communicate with your baby.

The Terrace Public Library presents a Spring Break Puppetry Camp for children aged 9-13. Learn the art of puppetry during this one week camp. Activities include script writing, puppetry basics, puppet creation/design and production. The week will conclude with group performances at the library. Classes begin on Tuesday, March 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and finish on Friday, March 17 at 2 p.m. A small snack will be supplied each day but campers are required to bring a bag lunch. This is a free program, all supplies are included but class size is limited so register early to avoid disappointment in person or by phone at the library 638-3177.

Terrace Churches' Food Bank continues distribution of food at the rear of 4647 Lazelle Ave. from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 for surnames S to Z and Thursday, March 16 for anyone missed. The above order will be enforced, so please come on the right day and bring identification for yourself and your dependents.

The Family Place's "FunPlace" drop-in starts Wednesday, March 22 in the Child Care Centre at Thornhill Community Centre from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. An opportunity for children to paint, build with blocks, dress up, sing, have snack and stories and make new friends. Adults can have fun with their babies, toddlers or preschoolers and meet new and old friends in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. For info, call 638-1863.

The Terrace Greater Beautification Society will be starting beautification work bees again on Tuesday nights starting March 28. Meet at the George Little House at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The Terrace Greater Beautification Society meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at city hall. New members welcomed. For more information, call Chris Hansen at 638-1049.

Community groups and entertainers wanted. Now scheduling trade show entertainment for April 13-15. Call Tony at 635-5333.

The Métis B.C. Nation wants to help sign up Métis members of the community for citizenship in order to be recognized as a nation. Deadline is approaching. Call Leanne at 615-9700, e-mail reg@registrat@gmail.com or go to #206-3228 Kalum St. Transportation to the Terrace office will be provided for the elderly, single mothers, etc.

The Terrace Emergency Shelter hosts Bannock & Beans, where Fridays are chili nights at the

shelter. From 4-6 p.m. at 2812 Hall St. Call 635-5890 for more info. The meal is free. Volunteers for meal preparation always needed.

The Clay Artists of Terrace Society is taking registrations for pottery lessons at the new community pottery studio. Call Linda 635-1767.

The Terrace branch of the B.C. Schizophrenia Society sponsors a series of educational presentations on brain disorders. March 15: understanding and communicating with someone with mania; April 12: understanding and communicating with someone who has delusions. All presentations at 7:30 p.m. at the health unit auditorium at 3412 Kalum Street (use side door). Free and all welcome.

Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, located at 4544 Lazelle Ave. (open 10-4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday) will have a winter coat sale. Adult jackets will be \$3 and children's jackets \$1.

Kermode Friendship Society offers free tutoring at its Kalum St. location with an After School Homework Club Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. This program is open to youth in need of help and support in school. Peer tutors wanted. Learn by teaching. This could be used as hours required in graduation portfolio. For more information contact Kim Besharah of Kermode Friendship Society at 635-4906 ext. 27.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre (4542 Park Avenue) hosts Friday drop-in discussion: Gender Lens on local issues. Call 638-0228.

Skeena Family Resources presents free programs for parents and children under six at Kitselas on Queensway, Skeena Kalum Housing and at Kitsumkalum. Parent connection, information workshops for parents and fun activities for kids. Tuesdays to Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Transportation is available. Everyone welcome. Call 635-7087 for information or transportation.

The Artful Cup hosts Stitch 'n Bitch, co-ed knitting circle every Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. Sewing and crochet also welcome with people on hand to teach. For more info call Renee at 615-9383.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalum St. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa at 635-4906.

The Healing Touch Association of Terrace offers free treatments to the public at the Knox United Church from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month starting Oct. 17 (except stat holidays). Sessions are by donation. To book your appointment or for info, call 635-8892.

Terrace Toastmasters is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the firehall conference room. Always open to new members. Call Bob 638-0923 or Rolf 635-6911 for information.

Alanon meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Womens' Centre.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every night of the week. Call 635-6533. N/A meetings 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at the education room at the hospital. Call Tony at 798-2598.

Girl Guides of Canada in Terrace is looking for volunteers! If you would like to be a Girl Guide leader or on District Council call Lia at 635-3868.

Skeena Square Dancers welcome all ages from 16-90 on Monday nights at the Carpenter's Hall to Apr. 31, 2006. Beginner dance session from 7-8 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. for mainstream dancers. Beginners dance for a toonie, mainstream dancers for \$5/night. Call Ron 638-8316 or Diana 638-1626 for information.

The Northwest Métis Association meets on the third Wednesday of each month at #206-3228 Kalum Street. Call 638-1199 for information.

Royal Canadian Legion is appealing to members and their spouses for auxiliary volunteers to help prepare vegetables and pie crusts once a month for steak night and to help with dishes. If interested please phone 635-4862.

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Baby's Name: Leonard David George Mercer Date & Time of Birth: March 1, 2006 at 11:27 p.m. Weight: 7 lbs. 11 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Jeannette & Leonard Jr. <i>"Little brother for Grant & Keenan"</i>	TWIN #2! Baby's Name: Markus Jamie Cole Davis Date & Time of Birth: March 3, 2006 at 12:13 p.m. Weight: 6 lbs. 11 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Shauna & Rod <i>"Little brother for Lyndon, Samantha, Marla, Braydin, Brandi & Markus (Twin)"</i>
Baby's Name: Danielle Scarlett Brooke Smythe Date & Time of Birth: March 4, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. Weight: 7 lbs. 9.5 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Loren & Ian <i>"Little sister for Andrea"</i>	Baby's Name: Landen Kole Hanes Date & Time of Birth: March 3, 2006 at 2:28 p.m. Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Chantell & Brian

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congratulates the parents on the new additions to their families.



In the zone

DOROTHEA Cheyne, who was the Zone 10 director for the BC Seniors' Games Society for nine years, was honoured last month by the society with gifts at the Happy Gang Centre. Taking over her duties is Bill Whitty. DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

From B1

Generosity through region played big role

the case of many young Ethiopian children can mean the difference between living and dying.

"The national statistics has it that more than 80 per cent of the diseases in the country are water borne to which the Ginnir community was not different," says Kebede.

"Infant mortality stands at a staggering 187 per 1000 under-fives and sanitation coverage is zero."

With easier access to clean water, the people can also explore options in terms of growing vegetables and perhaps planting trees to help rehabilitate the area, which has been struck by drought for several years in a row.

The rehabilitation project carries a US\$55,000 price tag.



Lesley Erasmus

Lesley Erasmus began raising money for the project three years ago.

While her home club, the Skeena Valley Rotary Club, is taking the lead on the partnership, several other clubs in the district have contributed money.

"We went three years ago to do polio immunization and that's when we saw the needs and came back to raise money for the water well," says Erasmus.

"We said, 'We'll be back' but we didn't know it would take three years to raise the money to go back."

She secured more than \$23,000 in donations and

that money is being matched by Rotary International with more money contributed by the district to make up the difference.

That adds up to hundreds of people across the northwest contributing just a little to make an enormous impact.

And the local government in Ginnir has committed to maintaining the well, its equipment and to providing fuel for the generator, ensuring the long term sustainability of the project.

The importance of international cooperation and access to Rotary money is crucial, says Kebede.

The people of Ginnir simply don't have anywhere near the means to raise that kind money themselves – the average per capita income in Ethiopia is a paltry US\$110 per year.

"In this range of income, extra resources to account for such development initiatives are hardly possible," says Kebede.

"As one of the poorest countries on earth, the government is preoccupied in responding to such priorities all over the country, which far exceed its own resources."

The years of drought have ravished crops and sent the country deeper into poverty.

"This makes supporting hands from external sources unavoidable if the problems are to be alleviated," says Kebede.

"In the absence of the possibility of mobilizing this support from within the country, international assistance is the only option to lean on."

Art and Lesley Erasmus are more than happy to lend a hand.

With the fundraising over, they're getting down to the real work of picking up tools to get the well working.

They're spending their vacation March 17 to April 3 in Ginnir to work on the well rehabilitation project there and check out other projects they may be able to work on when they return.

And maybe, when Lesley comes home this time, she'll feel pride every time she turns the tap, knowing that an entire community in Africa is better off thanks to her dedication and the kindness of people across northwestern B.C.

Legion notes

Hockey trivia this Sunday as Branch 13 gets busy

CONTRIBUTED BY
CMDE PETER CROMPTON

FOUR OF our students in Terrace won the zone part of our Poem, Poster, and Essay Contest.

Molly McRae of Uplands Elementary School won in the intermediate black and white poster category, while Veritas School students Rebecca Graziano won the junior black and white, Matthew Webber came first with his intermediate essay and Josh McIntyre won for junior poem.

There was a presentation to these students at our general meeting last night.

Although these students were not successful at the provincial level, Michael Spicer – a student from our zone in Smithers – received third place provincially in the intermediate colour poster category.

The following few weeks look to be a busy time at Branch 13. I am sure we will be in need of some help, so keep those phone lines open.

Our Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, March 25 at 8 p.m.

The karaoke contest continues March 17 with the finals slated for March 31.

On Saturday, April 8, we will have the Bon Jovi/Rod Stewart show here. When we last had this tribute artist in town, we had a full house.

Tickets will be on sale shortly at \$15 per person.

We continue to build on our Saturday afternoon Music to Dance to, and along with our meat draws, Saturday afternoons are becoming very popular.

CMde John Austin will be holding a Hockey Trivia Day on Sunday, March 19.

All members and guests welcome to this event; Three people to a team, so you hockey experts pick up a team and come and have some fun testing your hockey knowledge – it all starts at 2 p.m. Give CMde John a call to enter your team at 635-2365.

Next cribbage is Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.; John really needs your support for these sporting functions, so let's see you all out there.

Our golf tournament is set for Sunday, June 11 this year so mark your calendars.

CMde Bob Paulis would like to thank

CMdes Jim and Nora Le Clier along with Mavis, Mary Ann, Doug and John for showing up to "spring clean" our lounge, as our cry for help had little response.

Thanks to CMde Gowe who arranged for the replacement of the gutters in front of the building. Also, as the weather improves, we will need some help on the exterior of the building.

We had a very successful steak night on March 3; everyone commented on the steaks and all involved should be congratulated.

Our Ladies Auxiliary, although short of active members, has taken over the steak nights and the Veterans dinners.

With some help from the branch members, the ladies are seeing a jump in revenue, which can only mean more support for the branch.

The ladies and branch members involved with hosting the RCMP Regimental dinner should also be thanked for a job well done. And not to be forgotten is our bar staff member Mavis and her volunteers.

As the chairperson of our management committee, we need to get feedback from both members and guests; we need to hear the good and we need to see the constructive criticism signed and in writing.

I promise all will be dealt with and answers will be forthcoming.

Branch 13 is holding its own at a time when some branches across Canada are having difficulties, some even closing down.

Our lounge operation is being held together by a paid staff and a lot of volunteer time and by an executive doing its best to keep alive an organization that has supported this community since 1916.

It has supported its Veterans, its youth and many charities, and with the help of its members, I hope that we can continue to do so well into the 21st Century.

Next steak night Friday, April 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Next general meeting Tuesday, April 11 at 8 p.m.

Next Ladies Auxiliary general meeting Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Veterans dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

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Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine

2006-2010 Financial Plan

The proposed 2006-2010 Financial Plan may be inspected at the Regional District Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed 2006-2010 Financial Plan will be considered by the Regional District Board at its regular meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, in the Boardroom of the Regional District Kitimat-Stikine, #300-4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C.

Any person(s) wishing to voice their opinions regarding this financial plan may do so in writing to the Regional District Board and/or in person to the Finance Committee of the Regional District Board commencing at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at the Regional District Office, #300-4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C.



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Hugh at 62

I'm going out to fish the Lakelse on the seventh," Hugh wrote me a week before that date. "I always go out there on March the seventh." "I'll meet you there," I wrote back. "I'll try to get up earlier this time."

I gave him that assurance because Hugh and I had made a plan for the previous Monday. We'd agreed to meet on the river and spend the better part of the day convincing ourselves that spring hadn't quite begun.

The night before, I got tangled up in some research. When I looked at my watch it was three in the morning.

When I got up it was still morning, but barely. By the time I arrived at the Herman Creek parking lot, it was noon.

The river was low and rimmed with ice. Two anglers I didn't know were working the Herman's Point Pool over with two handed rods.

"You see another fisherman?" I asked one of them.

"An older guy?"

"Yeah, I guess so," I said, never having thought of Hugh as old.

"He was here for a while. Went downstream."

I thanked him and made my way down river.

Hugh wasn't at his favourite slot on the Flats. Some puddle ducks leapt into the air somewhere around the bend near Hai Creek.

Thinking Hugh may have spooked them I continued down river, but when I reached Upper Coldwater, Hugh wasn't there either.

Thinking he'd headed back to Herman's on the trail while I was making my way downstream via the river, I walked back to find the same two anglers there, but no Hugh.

After grilling the older of the two fishers and learning that they were down from Mackenzie, I sat down, regrouped, had lunch, threw a stick for the dog and made my way back to the parking lot, only to discover Hugh's truck was still there.

I wrote a note of apology in my waterproof notebook, tore the page out and stuck it behind the windshield wiper of Hugh's truck.

No apologies necessary, said Hugh later. He'd had a nice day, caught a couple of fish, one old, one brand new.

On 7 March, I arrived on time. Hugh had just started down the run. The river was as skinny as it had been the last time we were here, and, if anything, the air was colder, but for some reason it felt like spring.

I thought about why this was so as I watched my line sweep downstream in the emaciated current, then realized that it was the birds.

Last week the soundtrack to our fishing was scored for eagles and rattle of pine skis, now the woods were filled with songbirds.

A steelhead grabbed my fly. I beached it. Hugh took a finery clipping, then we let it go.

The next steelhead came free. We agreed that it was just as well because it appeared to be a dark fish anyway.

After we broke down our rods in preparation for the hike through the woods, Hugh pulled out one of his fly boxes and popped it open.

"Here's the fly you were asking about," he said holding up a sparsely dressed dark pattern.

It was tied meticulously, as all Hugh's patterns are. He talked about how well he and Vick had done with it over the last few seasons, but not in a boastful way.

I'd have forgiven Hugh for boasting about his angling accomplishments.

He's earned bragging rights for attainments like landing over a hundred steelhead in a single winter on a fly rod equipped with a floating line, a feat to which I can attest, having been on the stream with Bill and him on many of those days.

I slipped the fly in my wallet. Hugh didn't protest. He knew I'd keep it. When it comes to Hugh's flies, I'm a mooch, an unabashed thief, because they work so well.

Over the last few years I've collected a half a dozen of his patterns, made respectable copies for frequent use and squirrelled away the originals.

We made our way to the Flats, doffing our hats at the memorials to Finlay and Edger Brock.

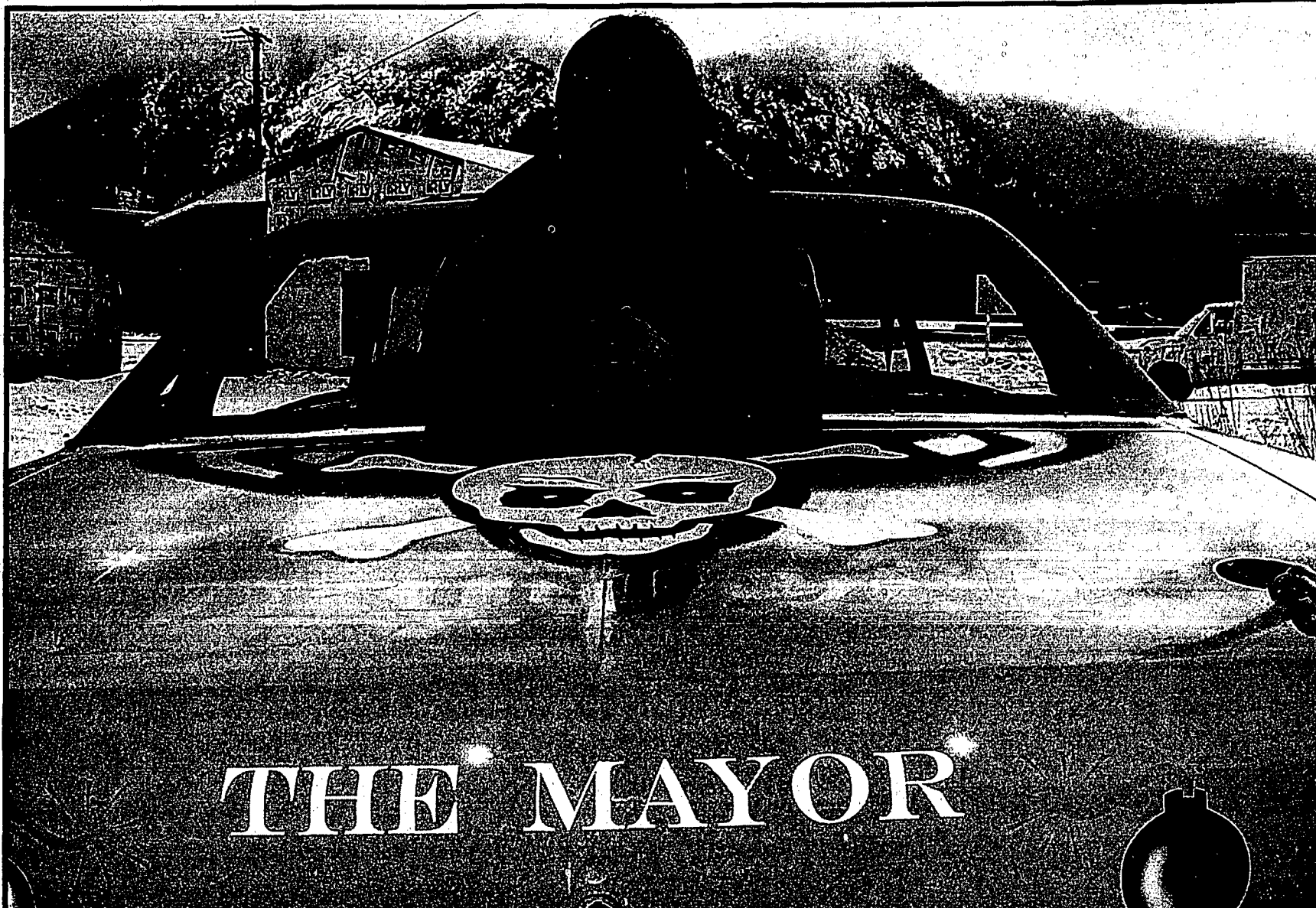
"I guess we're the elder generation now," I observed.

"Yeah, 62 today," said Hugh, which explained his March seventh tradition.

"I'd like to fish out my days on this river. That's why I'm hoping we can get this upper river set aside as a catch and release area for all species year round.

"When it's time they can scatter my ashes by that tree - no ceremony, no service - just scatter them," he added, gesturing toward his favourite slot.

"March seventh. That makes you a Pisces," I said, thinking how appropriate it was that Hugh Storey should be born under the sign of the fish.



Here comes the mayor

DARRYL BJORGAARD, whose nickname is "the mayor", shows off his freshly painted hit-to-pass car that's all set for the upcoming stock car racing season, which kicks off May 14 with Thunder, Bomber and Hit-to-Pass races.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Terrace out early, Kitimat keeps Coy

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

THE TERRACE River Kings took a big step in their second year by advancing to the 2006 Coy Cup Tournament in Kitimat but their inexperience at the top level showed as Terrace failed to advance beyond the round robin stage.

The River Kings began the week on a winning note, defeating the Fort St. John Flyers 4-2 on the strength of two goals from Troy Farkvam and strong play from young goalie Brad Norwood.

Rolling four lines, the River Kings seemed to have more energy than the travel weary team representing the North Peace Hockey League and never trailed in the game.

Farkvam's second goal of the game, at 6:38 of the third period, put the Kings up to stay and Mike Dibby provided an insurance goal with three minutes to play.

Terrace outshot Fort St. John 39-32.

Players of the game were Farkvam and Flyers keeper Derek Metteur.

The opening night's second game was a spirited 2-2 tie between the host Kitimat Ice Demons and the North Island Capitals.

On day two, the River Kings faced arch rival Kitimat, trying to land their first win at Tamitik Arena.

In perhaps the best period of River Kings hockey of the year, Terrace kept the speedy Ice Demons at bay with key saves from Norwood and the teams finished 20 minutes of play tied at 1-1.

Darcy Allison scored for Terrace on a rebound after Farkvam did well to win a puck battle on the side boards before throwing a shot on net.

At the 3:35 mark of the second period, a long slapshot from King Terry Zaporzan eluded Demons keeper Bret Vilness and it appeared Terrace could stage an upset.

Kitimat scored on a 2-on-1 break just three minutes later though and the wheels would fall off for the Kings after forward Richie Rogers was whistled for a 5-minute major penalty for checking from behind a minute after that.

A questionable tripping call to Terrace's Ken Johnson gave Kitimat its second extended 2-man advantage and this time the slick Kitimat power play hit the mark behind Norwood three times during the major penalty.

The Kings didn't quit in the third but the game was put out of reach when Trent Bossence extended the Kitimat lead to 6-2 at the 4:18 mark.

Phil Morrison got one back for Terrace, starting and finishing a rush as Johnson and Ryan Watson picked up assists on the play.

Kitimat would score one more on an odd-man rush to round out the scoring. Final shots were 47 to 35 in favour of the hosts.

Allison was picked as Terrace player of the game and Demon captain Chris Vilness got the nod for Kitimat.

The day's early game, saw a much more determined Fort St. John Flyers team than the one that lost to Terrace.

The team from the Peace chased North Island Capitals starter Greg Fox from the nets after building a 3-0 first period lead en route to an 8-2 thrashing.

On day three, the last of the round robin action, the River Kings needed a tie against North Island to advance to the Coy Cup semifinal on Friday night. Lose or tie and their fate would rest with the outcome of the later Kitimat-Fort St. John tilt.

The game wasn't even close, though, as Terrace was hammered 10-1 by the skillful islanders. North Island forward Randall Smisko was a one-man wrecking crew against Terrace, scoring six goals against the outclassed River Kings.

Smisko opened the scoring three minutes into the game and North Island never looked back or let off.

Brad Norwood again started for Terrace and was replaced by Burny Carlsen with the score 3-0.

There were few bright spots in the game for the Kings, though defenceman Toby Mitchell spoiled goalie Fox's shutout bid in the third period with a power play slapshot from the high slot that got under Fox. The goal was Mitchell's first of the season.

Not surprisingly, the Capitals also led in the shot count by a 42-27 margin.

Winger Ivan Laschenko, one of the few Terrace players that played with energy throughout, was named player of the game for the River Kings and Smisko the obvious choice from the Capitals.

The late game proved to be a disappointment for both the River Kings and the home fans as the Fort St. John Flyers handed Kitimat its first loss since a league game on Nov. 20, 2005, winning 6-3. The opportunistic Flyers won despite being outshot by Kitimat 41-28.

The result left Fort St. John atop the round robin standings, enough for a bye into the Saturday final, and Terrace packing its bags.

In the Friday, March 10 semifinal, Kitimat and North Island put on quite a show in a thrilling 6-5 win for the Ice Demons that was settled in double overtime.

The Saturday, March 11 final game between Kitimat and Fort St. John for provincial bragging rights in men's senior AA hockey looked as if it was going to a laughter with the Demons leading 5-1 after two periods. The Flyers made a valiant comeback but fell short, losing 6-5.

Despite a slow start to the season, Kitimat repeated as league and Coy Cup champions.

Bowlers aim for perfect games at provincials



Coach Mark Viveiros, back row left, believes junior boys team Taylor Baker, Jeremy Lopushinsky, Eric Iveson, Travis Van Koughnett, Blake Smith, and individual bantam bowler Kyle Iveson, front, will win gold at provincials this weekend.

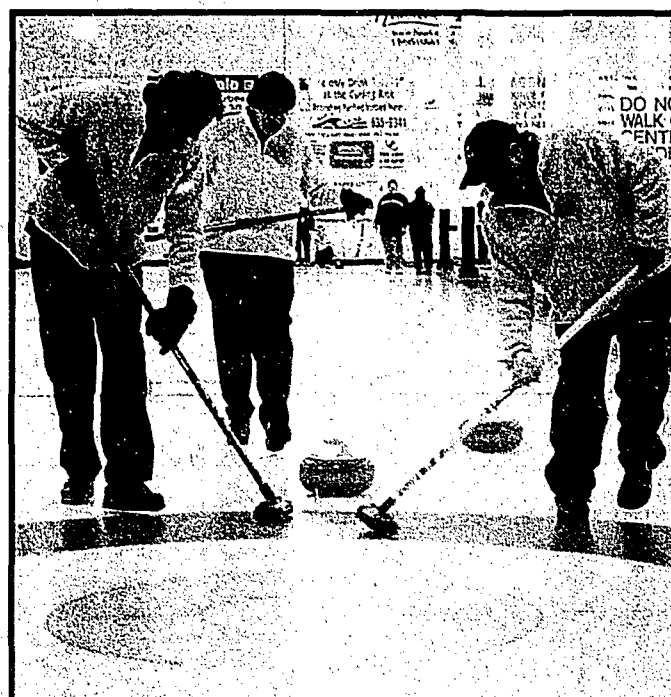
SIX YOUNG BOWLERS will be the first from Terrace to compete at the provincials in Kamloops this weekend. Bantam Kyle Iveson, 10, qualified at a singles tournament earlier this season with a total score of 890.

The Junior boys team of Jeremy Lopushinsky, Eric Iveson, Travis Van Koughnett, Blake Smith and Taylor Baker won gold with a total score of 3400 at the zone finals Feb. 18.

Coach Mark Viveiros believes the boys have the potential to win provincial gold.

The team will compete against teams from Castlegar, Port Coquitlam, Vernon, Nanaimo and Surrey March 18 and 19.

A win would send them to Nationals in East Sudbury, Ontario May 5 to 7.



Sweeping success

TERRACE LIGHTNING teammates, from left, Dave Marten, Medrick Duncan and Reynold Starr guide a stone into the house at the BC Special Olympics curling qualifier. The two Terrace rinks came in second and third behind first place Kitimat/Burns Lake, who will move on to the BC Special Olympics Winter Games.

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Closing Date: March 15, 2006

Please indicate competition number (HS 06:12) and forward resumes to:

Human Resources

3412 Kalum Street

Terrace BC V8G 4T2

Fax: 250-615-4831

E-mail: terraceHR@northernhealth.ca

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We thank all applicants, however, only those short-listed will be contacted.

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All applications will be handled in confidence quoting posting # 06-048 and should be forwarded by March 24, 2006 to:

Troy Connolly
Sawmill Superintendent
Quest Wood Division
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266 Education

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Contact: ZanRon Fabrication & Machine Co. Ltd.

256 Third St., Kitimat, BC V8C 2B8

zanron@zanron.com

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Terrace and Prince Rupert

Trades Instructors

Northwest Community College, Terrace and Prince Rupert Campuses, invite applications for a number of Trades programs for the 2006/2007 academic year. Salary will be in accordance with the BCGEU Instructor scale.

Duties: The successful applicants will instruct Entry Level Trades and/or Apprenticeship programs at various locations throughout the College region.

Qualifications: Successful candidates will have grade 12 or equivalent, Journeyman Certification with the Red Seal (Interprovincial) endorsement with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Journeyman Tradespersons with varied field experience and minimum 3 years experience in a supervisory capacity, either as Foreman or Superintendent. Excellent organizational and communication skills as well as the ability to motivate and mentor learners of a variety of ages are necessary. Intermediate Computer skills will be an asset. Preference will be given to applicants with a Provincial Instructor Diploma, other relevant certifications and teaching experience. A combination of education and experience will be considered.

Program Areas Available both Entry-Level and Apprenticeship:

Automotive Service Technician	Heavy Duty Mechanic
Commercial Transport Mechanic	Outdoor Power Equipment Technician
Process Operator	Cook Training
Welding	Millwright
Electrical	Carpentry

Other Program Areas:

Timber Framing Residential Building Maintenance Worker

Respond in confidence by submitting a current resume and quoting competition #06.0198 to: Human Resources Department, NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4X2, FAX: 250.638.5475, Email: soates@nwcc.bc.ca.

Northwest Community College is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from First Nations people, women, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing Date: March 22, 2006



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HELP WANTED

COMPUTER &
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We have a part-time position possibly leading to full-time position in our electronics store. This person should have some computer knowledge with an interest in electronics and they will enjoy helping our customers with their computer and electronic needs and problems. This position requires the salesman to work weekends. We offer a competitive salary. Please apply in person with resume to:



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NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Smithers

Mineral Exploration and Reclamation Training

Northwest Community College, Smithers Campus invites applications for Auxiliary Instructors for the School of Exploration and Mining programs on an on-call basis as required. Salary will be in accordance with the Collective Agreement between the College and BCGEU Instructor Scale.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a minimum high school graduation and related post-secondary education or equivalent knowledge gained through a career in this area: Provincial Instructor Diploma courses and/or the Instructional Skills Workshop are considered an asset, along with previous instructional experience, particularly with First Nations. Candidates with Occupational First Aid 1 or 3 Certification are preferred.

Applicants must have a minimum of five years related or semi-related work experience in the outdoors, preferably in Exploration & Mining. Experience conducting exploration activities at the level of crew boss and experience with Camp Management, and small engine repairs are desired. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills, demonstrated ability to provide a motivational learning environment, and excellent organizational skills would be an asset.

Most programs take place in a remote bush camp setting. Applicants should be prepared to work away from home for extended periods of time and as part of an instructional team. The programs are:

- Mining Exploration Field Assistant
- Exploration Camp Manager
- Prospector Basic Training
- Prospector and Environmental Training

Respond in confidence by submitting a current resume and quoting competition #05.2408 to: Human Resources Department, Northwest Community College, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4X2, FAX: 250.638.5475, Email: soates@nwcc.bc.ca.

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We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing Date: March 22, 2006



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

DAYLU DENA COUNCIL

is seeking applications for the position of

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION

This position forms the link between Deputy Chief and Council and the Administration, allowing for continuity in direction, information sharing and management. The Director is responsible for managing the organization, within an approved annual budget.

The Director of Finance and Administration will also oversee the delivery of programs, supervise and ensure the continuity of staff development, be responsible for financial administration including accessing alternate sources of funding, and strategic planning.

Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Post-secondary education in Administration, plus a strong financial background with an accounting designation, or an equivalent combination of education and work experience.
- Knowledge of First Nations Government and delivery of programs
- Working knowledge of financial transfer agreements
- Practical application of computer programs and Excel spreadsheets
- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Must demonstrate a high level of commitment and dedications

Submit resumes, including two recent letters of reference, no later than March 17, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. to:

Deputy Chief & Council
Daylu Dena Council
P.O. Box 10

Lower Post, B.C. V0C 1W0

E-mail: dayludena@northwestel.net

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience and only those short listed will be contacted.

270 Help Wanted

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

Thornhill Motors is requiring a

BUSINESS OFFICE ASSISTANT

A high energy, self-motivated individual with strong interpersonal skills and a great attitude required.

DUTIES INCLUDE: Customer follow-up, preparing finance and lease contracts, obtain and submit credit applications, computer skills including Microsoft Word, Excel and internet related programs plus various other duties.

Please apply in person. Attention: Brent DeJong

Thornhill Motors

Highway 16E, Terrace • 250-635-7286



Inside Sales Representative - Terrace

In Canada since 1911, Air Liquide Canada Inc. is one of the country's leading producers of industrial, medical and specialty gases, as well as welding products.

Air Liquide Canada is currently seeking an Inside Sales Representative to drive customer service initiatives and inside sales of its Terrace location. The main purpose of this position is to ensure excellent customer service, improve product sales and take responsibility for efficient store operations.

Core competencies for this position include:

- 2 to 5 years experience in customer service
- good computer skills
- or inside sales of industrial products
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- general understanding of welding

If you are looking for a position that can offer you long term career stability and opportunities for advancement, apply by March 30, 2006 to:

Manager, Human Resources
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MARKETING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Terrace Tourism Society is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person with a good knowledge of Terrace and area, the tourism activities available and general office skills.

The successful applicant will have the following:

- neat, tidy and professional appearance
- good personal hygiene
- full knowledge of office procedures and office equipment
- computer skills including Word documents, Excel, PDF, etc.
- website skills, HTML, data-entry, etc.
- knowledge of marketing policies and procedures
- ability to work with the membership and general public
- reports to the Executive Director

This is a full-time position with salary based upon experience. Only those applicants shortlisted will be contacted. Please forward your resume and covering letter to Terrace Tourism Society, 2nd Floor, 3100 Kalum Street, Terrace, BC, V8G 4L1. Attention: Jennifer Lewis or email to info@terrace tourism.bc.ca.

Deadline for submissions: March 17, 2006

Northwest Inter-Nation
Family and Community Services SocietyGUARDIANSHIP
SOCIAL WORKER

Position Summary: The Guardianship Social Worker (GSW) provides appropriate services to the children in the continuing custody of the Director within the parameters provided by the BC Child & Family & Community Services Act and the Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services policies and procedures.

Qualifications: Masters of Social Work Degree; Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Social Sciences degree or equivalent delegation plus a minimum of three (3) years experience in the Human Services field. Successful candidate must: demonstrated abilities in developing strong relationships with children, parents, foster parents or other caregivers; have excellent verbal and written communication skills; have ability to work under pressure with professionalism and be computer literate. Candidate must successfully pass RCMP Criminal Records Checks and possess a valid BC driver's licence.

Type of Position: Full time; subject to six (6) months probation and annual performance review.

Closing Date: April 7, 2006
Location: Dease Lake, B.C.
Attention: Executive Director
Fax: 250-638-8930
Telephone: 250-638-0451
Toll Free: 1-888-310-3311

Gitxsan Child & Family
Services Society
Social Worker
(Full-Time)

The Gitxsan Child & Family Services Society in Hazelton, B.C. is seeking to fill the position of Social Worker immediately. The Social Worker will provide support to families in crisis or with high risk or special needs children. Using clinical and interpersonal skills as well as good case management systems, the social worker will provide a variety of services, including monitoring, preventative services and referrals to appropriate resources to assist with the preservation of the family unit.

Qualifications: BSW or MSW; or BA Child and Youth Care; or M.Ed. Counselling/MA Clinical Psychology having completed a practicum in family and child welfare. Police record review required. Must have a valid BC driver's licence, a current and clean driver's abstract and current police and criminal review record required. May be required to use personal vehicle for business. Knowledge of Gitxsan systems would be an asset.

Pursuant to Section 41 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference may be given to applicants of Aboriginal Ancestry.

For complete details of the responsibilities and qualifications for this position, please contact the GCFSS (250)842-2258 or fax (250)842-2481.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to the attention of:

Sandra Crawford, Acting Team Leader
Gitxsan Child and Family Services Society
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Thornhill Motors

Highway 16E, Terrace • 250-635-7286

270 Help Wanted

TORBRAM ELECTRIC SUPPLY has an opening for an outside sales person at our Courtenay Branch. If you are interested please forward your resume to thofman@tes.ca or fax to 250-338-6356.

SALES MANAGERS. National Company seeks sales professionals. Positions available throughout BC. Direct marketing an asset. Computer Experience necessary. Minimum 2 years experience required. Must be able to lead sales team and manage branch offices. Excellent remuneration and travel packages offered. Mail Confidential resume to BC Human Resources, #202-921A Laval Crescent, Kamloops, BC V2C 5P4 • Job #0338.

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CYPRESS FOREST consultants is currently offering full time and seasonal positions for forest engineers and silviculture surveyors in the Terrace area. We are seeking motivated and team-oriented individuals. Preference will be given to RFT's of RFT eligible individuals who can demonstrate 5 years coastal engineering experience, although all applications are welcome. Wages are competitive and based on experience and performance. Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. Please forward resume with work references prior to March 31, 2006 to: Human Resources, Cypress Forest Consultants Ltd., 5113 Keith Ave., Terrace, B.C. V8G 1K8. Fax: 250-635-0921, e-mail: cypress@monarch.net

FIRST CLASS Janitorial Service needs someone honest, likes to work and love a job well done. To work evenings and weekends. Resume to 2807 Hall, 250-635-3908 (11p3)

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MARKETING ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Terrace Tourism Society is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person with a good knowledge of Terrace and area. The tourism activities available and general office skills will have the following: neat, tidy and professional appearance, good personal hygiene, full knowledge of office procedures and office equipment, computers including Word documents, Excel, PDF, etc., website skills, HTML, data entry, etc., knowledge of marketing policies and membership, ability to work with membership and general public, reports to the Director. This is a full-time position with salary based upon experience. Only those applicants short-listed will be contacted. Please forward your resume and covering letter to Terrace Tourism Society, 2nd Floor, 3100 Kalum Street, Terrace, B.C., V8G 4L1. Attention: Jennifer Lewis or email to info@terracetourism.bc.ca. Deadline for submissions: March 17, 2006 (11c1)

278 Skilled Trades

Vernon Service Company requires Journeyman Service Plumbers/Gasfitters. \$28/hr. Call 1-250-549-4444 or Fax: 1-250-549-4416.

CERTIFIED CARPENTER willing to travel. Commercial, residential construction minimum 10 yrs. exp. \$27/hr. Duties: Form erection, concrete laying, masonry, framing, roofing and finishing, cabinetry installation, flooring installation and exterior siding installation. Fax resume to: (250) 964-1896.

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Qualifications include: a degree in social work and/or extensive related training and experience in crisis management, sexual assault, family violence, child sexual abuse and historical abuse. Candidates will also have a proven ability to: supervise and direct staff, fulfill administrative responsibilities, familiar with union contracts, as well as an understanding of how non-profit agencies function.

Please mail a resume and **detailed** cover letter expressing your interest and related experience to Ksan House Society, Attn: Kristi Hanna, 4838 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1T4, or fax it to 250-635-2315. The closing date is April 3rd, 2006

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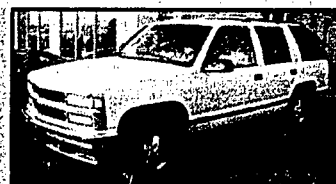
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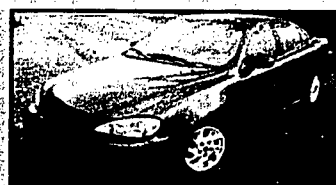
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The goods will be sold by Public Auction at Marjion Auctions, 3031 Koford Dr. Thornhill, B.C. on March 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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Request for Expressions of Interest To Provide Transit Service in the Terrace-Kitimat Corridor

BC Transit is seeking expressions of interest from persons or companies interested in providing transit service within the **Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine**, around and between the **City of Terrace** and **District of Kitimat**.

Business plans must be received at the address below, **no later than 1:00 pm, PST Thursday, April 13, 2006**. Expressions of Interest documents are available from:

Megan Hill, Contract & Budget Administrator
Municipal Systems Program
BC Transit
PO Box 610, 520 Gorge Road East
Victoria, BC V8W 2P3
Phone: (250) 995-5687
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BC TIMBER SALES NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A77630

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A77630 is being offered for sale by BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area, North Coast Field Team.

Closing Date: April 6, 2006 @ 8:30 am

Geographic Location: Delta River

Estimated Volume: 53,335 cubic metres, more or less Term: 18 months

This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using a combination of cable and ground based systems. The use of other systems may be subject to the Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations.

The upset stumpage rate \$ 15.02/m³ for the competitive volume, approximately 37,788 m³, was determined by the variable cost method and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades. This timber sale licence is fully developed.

The upset stumpage rate and the bonus bid now apply to both Grade Code (blank) and Grade Code 3 sawlog volumes. The upset stumpage rate has been adjusted (decreased) to account for the Grade Code 3 (Dry sawlog) portion.

Species percent: Balsam 29%, Cedar 6%, Hemlock 59%, Spruce 6%

This licence requires the building of approximately 4.2 kilometres of on-block roads and approximately 1.0 kilometres of access road under an associated Road Permit.

Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber Sales enterprise in Category 1, 2 or 3. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1. Tenders will be opened in public at April 6, 2006 @ 9:30 am.

There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSL can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office by contacting the receptionist at 250 638-5100. Contact Andy Spangli (250) 638-5152 for field enquiries only.

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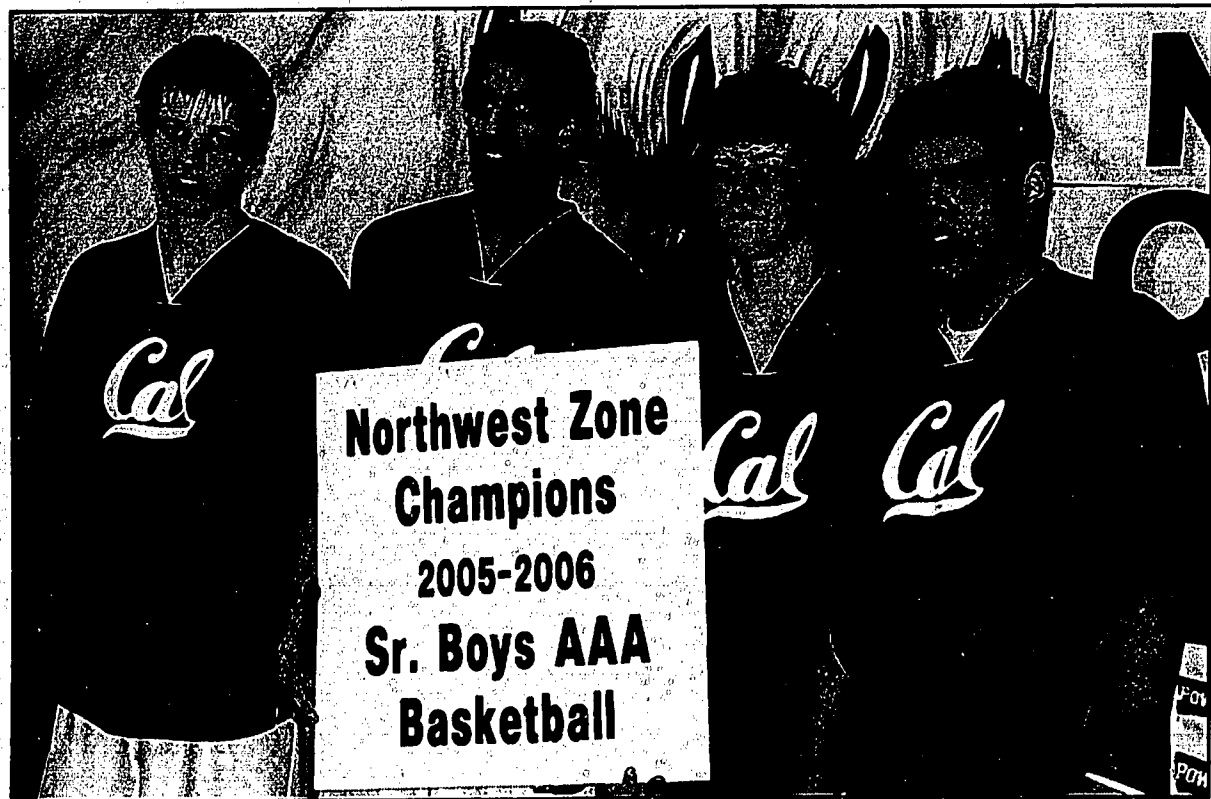
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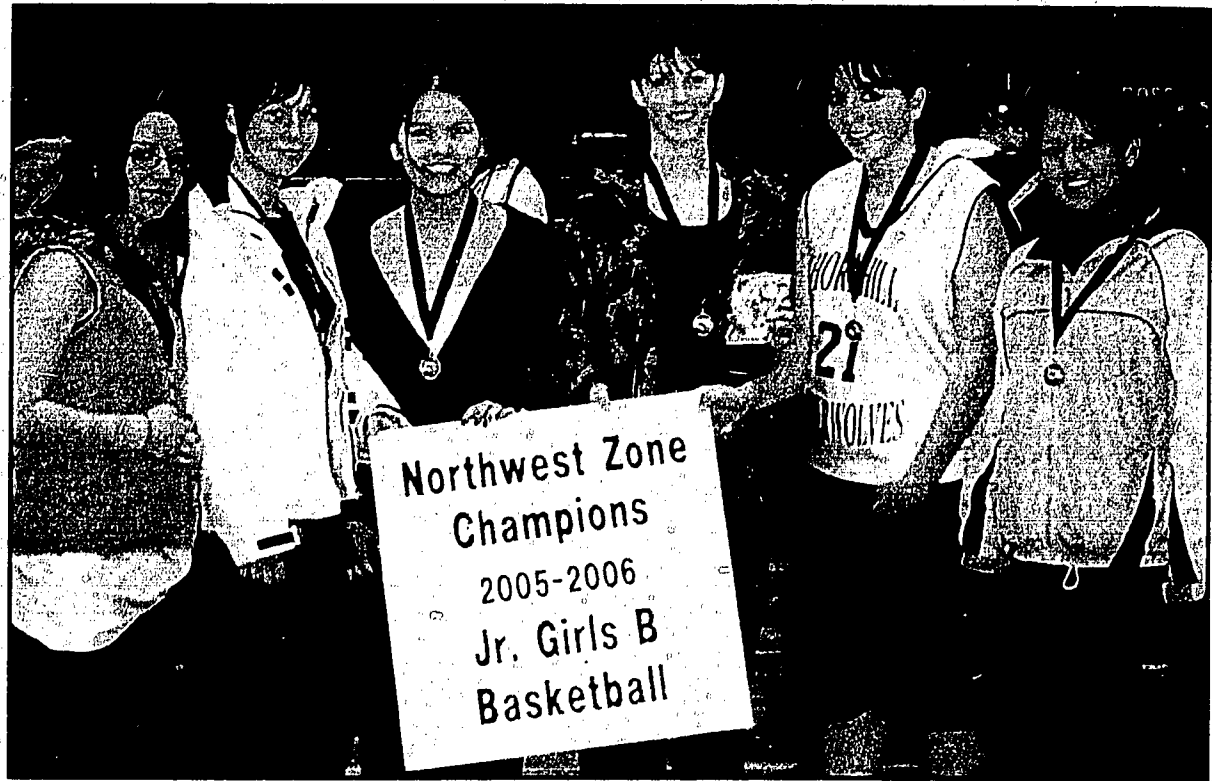
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Northwest zone basketball champions

Junior and Senior secondary school teams bring home three gold medals and one bronze



CALEDONIA won the Senior Boys AAA basketball zone in front of a home crowd, defeating Smithers 64-56 and 65-60 in the best-of-three tourney. Taylor Haynes, Jag Aujla, Jared Stephens and Curtis Mercer, from left, pose with the banner afterward. Aujla was named MVP while Stephens and Mercer were named to the All-Star team. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO



THE THORNHILL Junior Girls basketball team won zones with scores of 38-29 over Skeena and 29-25 over Houston Secondary. From left, Lindsey Bentham, Savannah Eide, Camelia Brown, Krista Materi, Stephanie Anderson and Tina Ryan show off their medals and banner. Eide and Materi led the scoring. Eide made the All-Star team and Materi was named tournament MVP.



THE SKEENA GIRLS Junior B basketball team, flanked by coaches Debbie Scarborough and Greg Ross, took bronze at zones in Houston. Missing is Kara Jobb. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO



SKEENA GRADE 8 boys basketball slam-dunked Prince Rupert Secondary School, undefeated in regular season play, in a come-from-behind struggle to claim the zone championship in Houston. The game ended in a tie and the two teams traded baskets in overtime until Rupert missed a foul shot. Skeena scored with about 10 seconds left to take the lead 61-60, then fouled a Rupert player, who missed both of his penalty shots. Cam Hundal was named MVP and Grant Dusdal was selected to the All-Star team. Missing is coach Andy Lewis, coach Jim Hansen and player Ashton Kondolas. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sports Scope

Skaters medal at provincials

TERRACE SKATERS won six medals at StarSkate Provincials, some in their first time at the event. Kelsey Minhinnick won gold for her Gold Skills routine, silver overall in Gold Triathlon and bronze in her Senior Silver Freeskate. Junior bronze dance pair Alex Lissimore and Jordan Hendry won silver in their first time at provincials. Hayley Lessard won a gold medal in Senior Silver Skills. Jamie Penner won bronze in the Silver Triathlon. Fifteen local skaters competed at StarSkate Provincials in Vernon Feb. 23 to 26.

Curling Club renovates

THE TERRACE Curling Association voted to go ahead with renovations on the building's roof at its executive meeting. Club president Lynn Gascon said the first order of business is to find out whether the building needs to be back engineered to ensure its safety with new snow load requirements. The club is talking to Permasteel, the Vancouver company who constructed the curling rink in 1973, to determine if anything needs to be updated. Gascon said club members hope to start renovations September 1 in time for next season. Washroom, change room and lounge renovations are also on the club's agenda.

Sports Menu

- March 16 to 19
The Terrace Squash club hosts a St. Patrick's Day tournament at Northwest Community College. There are five divisions: A, B, C, D and Women's Novice. The cost to register is \$40 and includes a t-shirt. Games go Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, call Elaine at 638-5457.
- March 17 to 19
Region 5 and 6 inter-regional mixed bonspiel goes at the Terrace Curling Club to determine qualifiers for the Mixed Curling Championships in Kamloops March 29 to April 2.
- March 18
B.C. Seniors Games Zone 10 holds its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Happy Gang Centre. Memberships will be available following the meeting. Only members can take part in the playoffs, which start April 1, and compete in the BC Senior Games to be held in Abbotsford August 23 to 26. For more info, call Betty at 635-3352.
- March 18 and 19
Shames Mountain hosts the Rail Rodeo Saturday. The Ruins Cup swooshes down Shames Mountain Sunday.
- March 19
The Terrace Drag Race Association hosts a general meeting at 11 a.m. in the conference room at the Bear Country Inn to plan the upcoming season. For more information check out www.terracedrags.com.

BC Winter Games results		
Figure Skating	Category	Place
Jacqueline Lenuik	Pre-Novice Ladies	9
Gymnastics		
Kayla Brinkac	All Round	8
	Vault	7
	Uneven bars	7
	Balance beam	12
	Floor exercise	9
Northwest zone team	Women	5
Alpine skiing		
Patrick Moore	K1 - Slalom Male	32
	K1 - Giant Slalom Male	39
Kylar Highe	K1 - Slalom Male	40
	K1 - Giant Slalom Male	13
Elizabeth Greenwood	K1 - Slalom Female	32
Northwest zone team	K1 Skills Race Mixed	7
Swimming		
Dakota Algor	200-metre Backstroke	7
	400-metre Indiv. Medley	11
Brendan Paterashuk	1500-metre Freestyle	18
Andrea Comerford	800-metre Freestyle	16
Northwest A zone team	4x50-m Medley Relay Girls	Gold
Hockey		
Northwest zone team	Women	8
Northwest zone team	Men	8
Ringette		
Northwest zone team	Mixed	6

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Class 4 Referees, April 21-23 at North West Community College, Terrace
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